



**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council**

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Mr. Michael Pentony  
Regional Administrator  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Greater Atlantic Region  
55 Great Republic Drive  
Gloucester, MA 01930-2276

Dear Mike:

Enclosed please find the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Summer Flounder Commercial Issues Amendment, also known as Amendment 21 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan. Also included are the Regulatory Impact Review (RIR) and Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) for this action.

This document describes the preferred alternatives adopted by the Council on March 6, 2019. This action proposes to modify the commercial quota allocation for summer flounder, and to revise the FMP goals and objectives for summer flounder. The Council also considered, but did not adopt, modifications to the federal commercial moratorium permit qualification criteria, and the framework provisions of the FMP as they relate to commercial landings flexibility.

A copy of this document was also sent to Emily Keiley of your staff via e-mail. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C. Moore", with a long, sweeping underline.

Christopher M. Moore  
Executive Director

cc: Michael Luisi, Warren Elliott, Kiley Dancy, Dustin Colson Leaning, Emily Keiley