



**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council**

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RE: Dr. James Rising et al. proposal

Dear Selection Committee,

Please accept this letter from the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) in support of Dr. James Rising and collaborators for their project proposal entitled “ Utilizing Remote Sensing Big Data to Study Coastal Ocean and Fishery Responses to Climate Variability and Change.”

The project’s research goals and objectives align with and would advance a number of key climate and habitat science needs identified in the Council’s Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management Guidance Document. This project’s focus on high-resolution climate models and the connection of these processes on high-risk species and habitats will provide important information at the time and spatial scales necessary for management utility and decisions. Gaining a greater understanding of how changing ocean and coastal area conditions may impact fisheries productivity, distribution, and availability is critical for sound, science-based management of all Council-managed species.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Moore".

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

cc: M. Luisi, P. Townsend, B. Muffley