



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Dear Scott,

Please accept this letter of support from the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) regarding your project to assist the commercial fishing industry in the transition to electronic reporting. The project's focus on industry training is timely as the MAFMC and New England Fishery Management Council have taken joint action to require electronic Vessel Trip Reporting (eVTRs) for all commercial permit holders in the Northeast region with implementation in summer 2021. A well-designed eVTR program that is widely accepted by fishermen would be more efficient than the current system. Outreach and training will be crucial to the successful implementation of electronic reporting throughout the Northeast region and we hope that you are able to secure funding to aid the industry in this transition. Due to the anticipated benefits to our stakeholders, please keep us apprised of this project's progress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C. Moore", written in a cursive style.

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D.
Executive Director

cc: M. Luisi, W. Elliott, K. Coutre