

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 24, 2022

To: Council

From: Jason Didden, Staff

Subject: Mackerel Rebuilding

The Council is scheduled to hold public hearings on the second iteration of Atlantic mackerel rebuilding in late April 2022. A draft public hearing document is included for review, and the Council staff will update it with any Council recommendations before the public hearings.

The Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish (MSB) Committee will be reviewing these materials during a meeting on March 28, 2022 and any outcomes of that meeting will be posted to the Council meeting website as supplementary materials.

There are no recreational closure provisions in the document currently, but they could be added if so determined by the Council.

The following materials are enclosed on this subject:

- 1) MSB Monitoring Committee Report
- 2) March 2022 SSC Report See Committee Reports Tab
- 3) 2022 MSB Advisory Panel Fishery Performance Report See *Illex* Tab
- 4) 2022 Atlantic Mackerel Fishery Information Document
- 5) States' letter on Atlantic mackerel rebuilding.
- 6) Draft Public Hearing Document