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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 5, 2017
To: Chris Moore, Executive Director
From: José Montañez and Matthew Seeley, Staff
Subject: Bluefish Specifications Review for 2018 Fishing Year

As part of the 2016-2018 multi-year specification process for Bluefish, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), Monitoring Committee (MC), and Council will review the most recent information to determine whether modification of the current 2018 specifications for bluefish is warranted.

The NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) provided a data update for bluefish to support this review, which includes data on total catch and updated information for eight fishery indices. Based on a review of the information provided by the NEFSC, the information presented in the 2017 Atlantic Bluefish Advisory Panel Information Document, and the 2017 Bluefish Fishery Performance Report, staff recommends no change to the 2018 fishing year specifications. In 2018, the SSC, MC, and Council will review the most recent information to make recommendations for the 2019-2021 multi-year specifications cycle.