



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Dr. Jon Hare
Science and Research Director
Northeast Fisheries Science Center
166 Water Street
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Dear Dr. Hare:

At its February 2021 meeting, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council approved two requests to the Center related to river herring and shad (RH/S). First, we request that Center staff assist the scoping/investigating of potential approaches to synthesize survey information in order to discern recent RH/S abundance trends. We anticipate this would take place both informally and during two currently-planned MSB Monitoring Committee meetings in May and July 2021. Council staff would work with Center staff to summarize the discussions for the Council.

Secondly, we request that the Center produce several revenue maps (using existing methodology) that temporally match a recent RH/S spatial analysis developed by staff. If at all possible, we would like to receive the maps by July 7, 2021. The Council would use the revenue maps to consider whether to initiate an action to explore potential spatial-temporal restrictions to further reduce RH/S interactions that would complement the RH/S caps.

Please contact me or Jason Didden of my staff 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, J. Didden