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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 17, 2014
To: Chris Moore, Executive Director
From: Jessica Coakley and José Montañez, Staff
Subject: Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Specifications Review for 2015 Fishing Year

As part of the 2014-2016 multi-year specification process for Atlantic surfclams and ocean quahogs, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and Council will review the most recent information available to determine whether modification of the current 2015 specifications is warranted.

The NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center provided a data update for surfclams and ocean quahogs to support this review, which includes updated catch and landings data and landings-per-unit-effort data.

Based on a review of this information, staff recommends no change to the 2015 fishing year specifications.

In 2015, the SSC and Council will again review the most recent information to determine if any changes to the 2016 fishing year are warranted.