

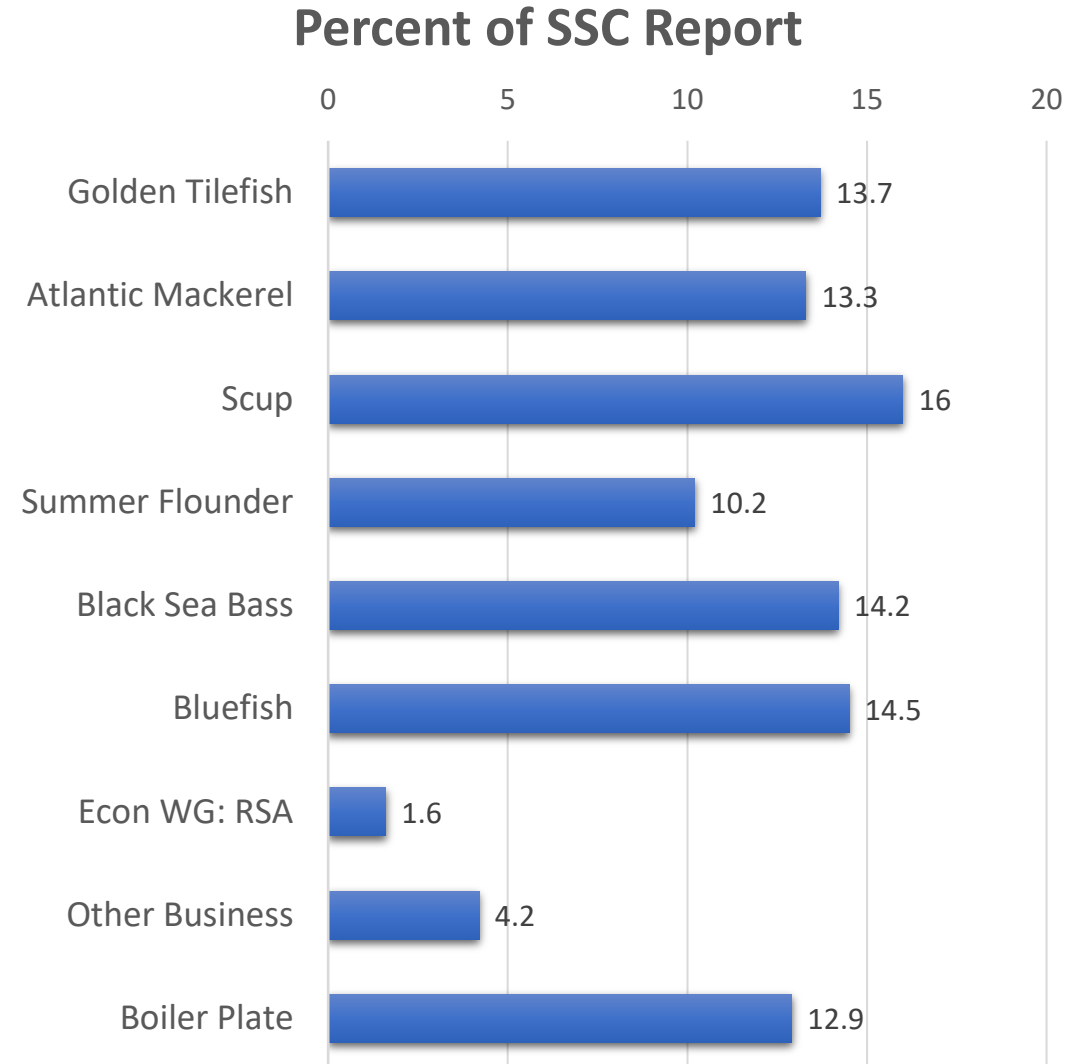
*Scientific and Statistical Committee
Report of July 21-23, 2021 Meeting*

to

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
August 12, 2021
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Primary Topics (Word Count %)

- **Golden Tilefish**
- **Atlantic Mackerel**
- **Scup**
- **Summer Flounder**
- **Black Sea Bass**
- **Bluefish**
- **Econ Working Group**
- **Other Business**
- **Boilerplate**



SSC Report: Some Common Themes

- Effects of missing 2020 data not fully known; expect future surprises
 - Surveys
 - Discard estimation
 - MRIP imputation effects
- OFL CV matrices for all species except Atlantic Mackerel
- Concerns about reduced biological sampling of landings
- Ecosystem Considerations for several stocks
 - Declining Recruitment
 - Declining Weights at age
 - Delay maturation
 - Changes in Natural mortality
- Multi-year average catch quotas under Council Risk Policy—Tweaking necessary
- Rebuilding Strategies—Torqueing necessary
 - Bluefish
 - Atlantic Mackerel

SSC Report: Wrap Up

- All Species Topics have been covered
- All Special Topics have been covered {Econ, Ecosys, Rebuild}
- Process Improvements
 - More timely TOR for SSC
 - Strike balance between transparency and efficiency
 - Need refinements of Management Track Assessment process
- Public Comments
 - Effects of noise from wind tower construction
 - Pollutant effects: terrestrial and atmospheric on recruitment of some species