Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting

September 13, 2023

Terms of Reference

For the Scup discards and Gear Restricted Areas (GRA) analysis, the SSC will provide a written report that identifies the following:

1) Comment on the 2023 discard report and GRA analysis and its potential application for science and management considerations. Were the data and methods applied appropriately and do the results and recommendations seem reasonable?;

2) Provide any feedback and direction on potential future analysis or modeling approaches that could examine the predictability of scup bycatch, including methods that incorporate environmental data, or any other alternative approaches the Council could consider to continue to reduce commercial scup discards.