



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 20, 2021

To: Council

From: Matthew Seeley, Council staff

Subject: Update on Private Recreational Tilefish (Golden and Blueline) Permitting and Reporting

The Council will receive a presentation from the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office on the status of private recreational tilefish (golden and blueline) permitting and reporting on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The goal of this presentation is to update the Council on the private permitting and reporting regulations and overall initiative. In summary, given the small community of private recreational tilefish anglers in relation to other Mid-Atlantic Council managed species and the need for improved recreational data collection, private recreational tilefish permitting and reporting was approved in Amendment 6 to the Tilefish Fishery Management Plan.¹ Private recreational permitting and reporting requirements went live in August 2020. This update will include information related to the number of issued permits, landings, reporting systems, and lessons learned.

Outreach materials and other resources are available on the [Council's Tilefish Permitting and Reporting Webpage](#).

¹ [Amendment 6 to the Tilefish FMP](#).