



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting

July 21, 2021

Terms of Reference

For Atlantic Mackerel, the SSC will provide a written statement that identifies the following for the 2021 fishing year and interim 2022 fishing year:

- 1) As an interim approach to support emergency action, provide catch levels for the remainder of the 2021 fishing season and initial 2022 fishing season to end and/or minimize overfishing while the existing rebuilding plan is modified or reassessed later in 2021;
- 2) Provide guidance and scientific advice regarding the approaches, projection considerations, and associated risk for different rebuilding plan alternatives to be considered by the Council in August 2021 (note: the SSC will review rebuilding plan alternatives again and provide catch/ABC recommendations in September before final Council action).