



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting

July 24, 2023

Terms of Reference

For Black Sea Bass, the SSC will provide a written report that identifies the following for the 2024 fishing year:

- 1) The appropriateness of retaining *status quo* (i.e., 2023 fishing year) ABC specifications for the 2024 fishing season. If *status quo* is inappropriate, specify an alternative ABC for 2024 and provide any supporting information used to make this determination;
- 2) The most significant sources of scientific uncertainty associated with the ABC determination;
- 3) The materials considered by the SSC in reaching its recommendations;
- 4) A conclusion that the recommendations provided by the SSC are based on scientific information the SSC believes meets the applicable National Standard guidelines for best scientific information available.