

## Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting

May 11, 2022

## **Terms of Reference**

For Chub Mackerel, the SSC will provide a written report that identifies the following for the 2023-2025 fishing years:

- 1) The level of catch, in weight, associated with the acceptable biological catch (ABC) for the stock. Provide any rationale for the specified ABC and, if possible, identify any interim metrics that can be examined to determine if multi-year specifications need reconsideration prior to their expiration;
- 2) The most significant sources of scientific uncertainty associated with determination of the ABC;
- 3) Research or monitoring recommendations that would reduce the scientific uncertainty in the ABC recommendation;
- 4) The materials considered by the SSC in reaching its recommendations;
- 5) 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.