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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 1, 2023
To: Chris Moore
From: Jason Didden, staff
Subject: 2024 Butterfish ABC Review – Staff Recommendation

Butterfish is in multiyear specifications for 2023-2024 (see Fishery Information Document for details). The butterfish Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) is scheduled to decrease from 17,267 metric tons (MT) in 2023 to 15,764 MT in 2024. After reviewing fishery trends, survey trends, and April 2023 Advisory Panel input, staff recommends maintaining the planned 2024 specifications.

A management track stock assessment is planned for 2024 to set 2025-2026 specifications.