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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 2, 2022

To: Chris Moore, Executive Director

From: Jason Didden, Staff

Subject: Longfin Squid ABC – Staff Recommendation

Longfin Squid

As part of the specification process for longfin squid, the SSC and Council will review the most recent information available to determine whether modification of the 2023 specifications is warranted. The longfin squid fishery is currently under multi-year specifications for 2021-2023. The ABC (23,400 MT) is not proposed to change from 2021-2023 under the multi-year specifications, based on previous SSC recommendations. After a review of the available information, staff recommends no changes to the previously-recommended 2023 ABC.

We are hoping to get an update of recent NEFSC trawl survey results before the SSC meeting and will post that information if/when available.