



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting

July 25, 2022

Terms of Reference

For the Surfclam genetics research, the SSC will provide a written report that identifies the following:

- 1) Evaluate and consider the results of the final report on Surfclam population structure and population connectivity (genetics) and the additional aging work completed;
- 2) Identify potential implications to our understanding of Surfclam life history (i.e., recruitment, distribution, growth, maturity, etc.), to the stock assessment, NEFSC clam survey, and fisheries management;
- 3) Identify new research needs to address data and science gaps with respect to the new information identified with the existing research.