

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting

March 10, 2020

Terms of Reference

For Golden Tilefish, the SSC will provide a written statement that identifies the following for the 2021 fishing year (November 1, 2020 – October 31, 2021) and interim 2022 fishing year:

- 1) The appropriateness of the staff recommendation to implement *status quo* ABC specifications for the 2021 fishing season and interim *status quo* 2022 specifications until revised specifications can be implemented based on the results of a management track stock assessment to be completed in early/mid 2021. If *status quo* is inappropriate, specify an alternative ABC for 2021 and interim ABC for 2022 and provide any supporting information used to make this determination;
- 2) Provide any relevant data and/or assessment considerations for the 2021 management track assessment.