



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting

March 15, 2022

Terms of Reference

For *Illex* squid, the SSC will provide a written report that identifies the following for the 2022 fishing year:

- 1) Review the current 2022 *Illex* acceptable biological catch (ABC) of 33,000 MT and determine if an ABC adjustment is warranted. If so, please specify an adjusted 2022 *Illex* ABC and provide any rationale and justification for the adjustment;
- 2) The most significant sources of scientific uncertainty associated with determination of the ABC;
- 3) The materials considered by the SSC in reaching its recommendations;
- 4) 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.