



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting

May 11, 2021

Terms of Reference

For *Illex* squid, the SSC will provide a written report that identifies the following for the 2021 and 2022 fishing years:

- 1) Review the appropriateness of the staff recommendation to modify the *Illex* squid ABC from 30,000 MT to 33,000 MT for the 2021 fishing season and an ABC of 33,000 MT for the 2022 fishing season. If the staff recommendation of 33,000 MT is inappropriate, specify an alternative ABC for 2021, if needed, and for 2022 and provide any supporting information used to make this determination.
- 2) If appropriate, specify any metrics the SSC could examine in late 2021 or 2022 to determine if any 2022 ABC modification might be appropriate;
- 3) The most significant sources of scientific uncertainty associated with determination of the ABC;
- 4) The materials considered by the SSC in reaching its recommendations;
- 5) 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.