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Request for Public Input on Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Individual Transferable Quota Program Review

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council is seeking public comments on a review of the Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) Program. Comments are due by **May 8, 2019**.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Catch Share Policy prepared in 2010 indicates that periodic reviews are expected of all Limited Access Privilege Programs (LAPPs). This program review report for the Surfclam and Ocean Quahog ITQ fishery covers the time period prior to and after implementation of the program in 1990 and provides a detailed evaluation of the ITQ program since its inception.

The program review document is available on the Council's website at:
<http://www.mafmc.org/comments/scoq-itq-review>.

Comments are due by May 8, 2019 and may be sent by any of the following methods:

- **ONLINE** at <http://www.mafmc.org/comments/scoq-itq-review>
- **EMAIL** to jcoakley@mafmc.org
- **MAIL** to Jessica Coakley, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 North State Street, Suite 201, Dover, Delaware 19901
- **FAX** to (302) 674-5399

Please include "SCOQ ITQ Review" in the subject line if using email or fax or on the outside of the envelope if submitting written comments.

Please direct any questions about the review to Jessica Coakley at jcoakley@mafmc.org or (302) 526-5252.