MEMORANDUM

Date: September 20, 2018

To: Executive Committee

From: Chris Moore

Subject: 2019 Implementation Plan

The Executive Committee will meet on Monday, October 1 at 2:00 p.m. to receive an update on the 2018 Implementation Plan and discuss the 2019 Implementation Plan.

Behind this memo is a draft list of proposed deliverables to be included in the 2019 Implementation Plan. The Council will review the full implementation plan at the December 2018 meeting.

The 2014-2018 Strategic Plan and other related documents are available on the Council’s website at www.mafmc.org/strategic-plan.
PROPOSED 2019 DELIVERABLES

This section provides an overview of deliverables expected by the end of the implementation plan period. Since many of the proposed implementation activities cannot be measured with traditional metrics, the list of deliverables establishes a mechanism for measuring the Council’s progress toward achieving the goals and objectives of the strategic plan.

SUMMER FLOUNDER, SCUP, BLACK SEA BASS
- 2019 specifications for summer flounder, scup, black sea bass (revise)
- 2020-2021 specifications for summer flounder, scup, black sea bass (develop and approve)
- 2020 recreational management measures for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass
- Advisory panel fishery performance reports
- Summer flounder commercial/recreational allocation and recreational issues amendment (scoping)
- Evaluation of commercial scup discards
- Amendment(s) to revise commercial/recreational allocations for scup and black sea bass (initiate)
- Evaluate mesh size regulations for summer flounder, scup, black sea bass
- Summer flounder commercial/recreational allocation study update (contract)

MACKEREL, SQUID, BUTTERFISH
- Chub mackerel amendment
- 2020 specifications for mackerel, squids, and butterfish (review)
- Advisory panel fishery performance reports
- Butterfish cap review
- Illex permit and MSB goals and objectives amendment (scoping and development)
- Industry funded monitoring amendment (ongoing)
- HMS chub mackerel diet study (contract; ongoing)

RIVER HERRING AND SHAD
- RH/S cap for Atlantic mackerel fishery for 2020 (review)
- RH/S progress update

BLUEFISH
- 2020-2022 specifications for bluefish (develop and approve)
- Advisory panel fishery performance report
- Bluefish allocation amendment

GOLDEN AND BluElINE TIlEFISH
- 2020 specifications for golden tilefish (review)
- 2020 specifications for blueline tilefish (review)
- Advisory panel fishery performance reports
- Private recreational permitting and reporting (GARFO lead)
SURFCLAMS AND OCEAN QUAHOGS
- 2020 specifications for surfclams and ocean quahogs (review)
- Advisory panel fishery performance reports
- Excessive shares amendment
- ITQ review project (contract)
- Surfclam genetic study (contract; ongoing)

SPINY DOGFISH
- 2020 spiny dogfish specifications (review)
- Advisory panel fishery performance report

ECOSYSTEM AND OCEAN PLANNING/HABITAT
- EFH redo (ongoing)
- Regional habitat assessment (ongoing)
- EAFM conceptual model development
- EAFM risk assessment
- Offshore energy development issues
- Review red crab fishery exemption for discrete deep sea coral protected zones

GENERAL
- 2020-2024 strategic plan development (contract)
- Commercial fisheries eVTR framework
- Allocation review criteria for all FMPs

COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH
- Implementation of council communication and outreach plan (ongoing)
- Council action web pages
- Fact sheets and outreach materials

SCIENCE AND RESEARCH
- Federal fishery dependent data initiative (GARFO lead)
- Risk policy framework
- SSC OFL CV guidelines

POSSIBLE ADDITIONS
- Develop a tilefish survey
- Initiate an aquaculture FMP
- Bycatch in small-mesh fisheries
- Real-time management of the Illex fishery
- Mid-Atlantic regulations and enforcement
- Recreational fishery management in the Mid-Atlantic
- ACT control rules for monitoring committees
Acronyms Used in this Document
ACT – Annual Catch Target
CV – Coefficient of Variation
EAFM – Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management
EFH – Essential Fish Habitat
eVTR – Electronic Vessel Trip Report
FMP – Fishery Management Plan
GARFO – Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office
HMS – Highly Migratory Species
ITQ – Individual Transferable Quota
MSB – Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish
OFL – Overfishing Limit
RH/S – River Herring and Shad
SSC – Scientific and Statistical Committee