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MEMORANDUM FOR: Bonnie Ponwith, Ph.D.
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FROM: Roy E. Crabtree, Ph.D. 
Regional Administrator

SUBJECT: Request for Additional Information for Blueline Tilefish
Projections

Thank you for the blueline tilefish projections dated August 11, 2015, which show acceptable biological catch levels for 2016-2020. I request the Southeast Fisheries Science Center provide additional information for these projections. Similar to information provided in Tables 6 and 7 of the blueline tilefish projections dated April 28, 2014, I request updated projection tables that also include landings from 2012-2015, fishing mortality rate (F), probability F is greater than F at maximum sustainable yield (F_{MSY}), total stock biomass, spawning stock biomass (SSB), probability SSB is greater than SSB_{MSY} , and recruits for each year from 2012 to 2020.

The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will review these projections at their meeting on September 9, 2015. Therefore, I request that results be provided by close of business on August 21, 2015, so the information can be included in the SSC briefing book.

If you have questions, please contact Rick DeVictor at 727-551-5720 or at rick.devictor@noaa.gov.

Attachment

1) Blueline tilefish projections dated April 28, 2014

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