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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bonnie Ponwith

FROM: Bob Mahood 

SUBJECT: Request for Additional Blueline Tilefish Stock Projections

Based on discussions from our call on February 12, 2014, the Council is requesting an additional projection of blueline tilefish for consideration by the SSC at its April 2014 meeting.

The Council requests an additional projection of blueline tilefish yield and stock status based on a fixed harvest at the 75% F_{MSY} equilibrium estimate (224,100 pounds whole weight) for 2014 - 2018. Projected yield should be provided in pounds and numbers, for landings and discards. To allow consideration of these projections by the SSC in April 2014 and the Council in June 2014, results should be provided to Council staff by April 7, 2014.

With this addition, the Council is asking that you provide two projection scenarios for SSC consideration when addressing item #1 in our Memorandum of December 13, 2013. No additional changes to that request are implied through this Memorandum. The projection scenarios are summarized as follows:

- The first set of projections are to be run with the 2014 blueline tilefish catch level at the yield at 75% F_{MSY} (224,100 lbs ww), followed by fishing at the mortality rate that results in both a 30% and 50% chance of overfishing occurring in 2014 and beyond.
- The second set of projections are to be run with the 2014 blueline tilefish catch level at the yield at 75% F_{MSY} (224,100 lbs ww), followed by four additional years at the same catch level.

We appreciate your assistance in addressing these requests. Please contact John Carmichael if you have any questions regarding these items.

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