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MEMORANDUM TO: Bob Mahood
Executive Director, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

FROM: Bonnie Ponwith, Ph.D. *Bonnie Ponwith* (fn)
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SUBJECT: Red Snapper Stock Assessment Requests

The Southeast Fisheries Science Center was requested to make revisions to the red snapper stock assessment. More specifically, the request was for recomputed yields and population projections at 65, 75, 85, and 100% of the Fmsy proxy of F40%, including updated tables and figures showing spawning stock biomass, fishing mortality, MSY benchmarks, landings, and discards. The request also included various projection scenarios based on no harvest, current F, and rebuilding F. We have addressed these requests and some minor corrections to the red snapper stock assessment in the attached addendum.

I will be contacting you soon to discuss the remaining analyses you requested.