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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Roy E. Crabtree, Ph.D.  
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**SUBJECT:** Scientific Advice Concerning the Blueline Tilefish Projections

Please find attached the Southeast Fisheries Science Center report, "Review of Projections for South Atlantic Blueline Tilefish."

This document responds to the May 22, 2015 request to provide scientific advice on whether the projections from the SEDAR 32 Blueline Tilefish stock assessment represent the current state of the stock and are appropriate for setting new reference points and fishing level recommendations, and to review the Terms of Reference for the June 3, 2015 meeting of the SSC.

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