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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 23, 2021
TO: Council
FROM: Tom Nies, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Remand of an Acceptable Biological Catch to the Scientific and Statistical Committee**

Council members seeking to remand Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) recommendations back to the Scientific and Statistical Committee SSC should be aware that the Council has a policy¹ in place for remanding recommendations back to the SSC. Council members should be prepared to explain which of the four criteria that justify a remand are met.

Council Remands to the SSC The Council may remand back to its Scientific and Statistical Committee the SSC's recommendations based on the following criteria:

- (a) failure of the committee to follow the terms of reference provided to it by the Council;
- (b) an error, in fact or omission, in the materials provided to the committee;
- (c) an error in fact in the calculations, if any, undertaken by the Committee in developing an ABC recommendation; and
- (d) failure of the committee to follow its standard operating procedures.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

¹ See the Council's policy (pp. 19 of the Operations Handbook) located here:
https://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/UPDATED_fin05.2021_Operations_Handbook.pdf