

APPENDIX 15. Fax Received from Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Dr. Fred Serchuk, Chairman  
Northeast Trawl Warp Workshop  
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166 Water Street  
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Dear Dr. Serchuk:

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At its meeting today in Wilmington, DE, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council passed the following motion:

"Move that the Council strongly recommend that NMFS' response to the trawl warp issue include that NMFS require the NEFSC to begin flume tank and tow tank testing of the standard 36 net to determine effects of the misaligned tow cables within 60 days. Upon completion of tank testing, analyze data and determine if research protocols have been affected." (Ruhle/Augustine - carried, 19 yes w/RA abstaining)

During discussions on this motion, it was recommended that this Council action be immediately brought to your attention so that you could inform your workshop participants of our position on this matter. It is hoped by us that a similar request for such flume tank and tow tests will be one of the outcomes/recommendations from your workshop.

Your positive consideration of this action will be appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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