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Blueline tilefish negotiations between the Mid- and South Atlantic Council SSCs

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ABSTRACT

Over the past decade, the commercial and recreational fisheries for Blueline Tilefish (*Caulolatilus microps*) expanded latitudinally along the eastern US seaboard, as the species was found in abundance north of its previously known prime habitat and outside its regulatory environment. This resulted in an unregulated and untracked harvest of what was a genetically continuous part of a more historically fished and assessed southern stock, which was in a rebuilding program. A cross-jurisdictional working group evaluated the situation and developed recommendations for co-management by the two SSCs.