



ADOPTION STATEMENT BLACK SEA BASS FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

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e, the undersigned, adopt the *1996 Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Coast Black Sea Bass Management Plan*. We agree to accept the Plan as a guide to conserving and protecting the black sea bass resource for long-term ecological, economic and social benefits. We further agree to work together to implement, by the dates set forth in the Plan, the management actions recommended to address overfishing, catch of undersized fish, stock assessment and research needs, and habitat degradation.



We recognize the need to commit long-term, stable, financial support and human resources to the task of managing the black sea bass stock and addressing important research needs. In addition, we direct the Living Resources Subcommittee to periodically review and update the plan and report on progress made with achieving the plan's management recommendations.

DATE OCTOBER 10, 1996

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