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## AGENDA

### **SEDAR COMMITTEE MEETING**

Doubletree Grand Key Resort  
3990 S. Roosevelt Boulevard; Key West, FL

#### **Thursday, June 14, 2007 - 10:30 AM – 12:00 NOON**

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – George Geiger
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – George Geiger
3. SEDAR STEERING COMMITTEE ACTIONS (2/20-21/07 MEETING)  
(Attachment 1)
  - A. REVIEW & OVERVIEW – Gregg Waugh
  - B. ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTION – George Geiger
4. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PRIORITIES (Attachment 2A & 2B)
  - A. OVERVIEW – Gregg Waugh
  - B. SSC COMMENTS
  - C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTION – George Geiger
5. REVIEW & FINALIZE APPOINTEES/SCHEDULE FOR SEDAR 15 (SOUTH ATLANTIC GREATER AMBERJACK & RED SNAPPER) AND 15A (MUTTON SNAPPER) AND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE (Attachment 3, 4 & 6)
  - A. OVERVIEW – Gregg Waugh
  - B. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTION – George Geiger
6. REVIEW & FINALIZE APPOINTEES/SCHEDULE FOR SEDAR 16 (SOUTH ATLANTIC & GULF KING MACKEREL) AND TERMS OF REFERENCE (Attachment 5 & 6)
  - A. OVERVIEW – Gregg Waugh
  - B. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTION – George Geiger

7. VERMILION SNAPPER UPDATE (**Attachment 7**)
  - A. OVERVIEW – Gregg Waugh
  - B. SSC COMMENTS
  - C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTION – George Geiger
  
8. GAG GROUPER BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT (**Attachment 8**)
  - A. OVERVIEW – Gregg Waugh
  - B. SSC COMMENTS
  - C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTION – George Geiger
  
9. OTHER BUSINESS – Geiger Geiger
  
10. ADJOURN – Geiger Geiger

**Committee Members:**

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Duane Harris  
Mark Robson  
Vince O'Shea

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# OVERVIEW

## SEDAR Committee Meeting

June 14, 2007  
Doubletree Grand Key Resort  
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The SEDAR Committee needs to discuss: (A) Remaining Actions from the February 20-21, 2007 SEDAR Steering Committee meeting; (B) Scientific Research Priorities; (C) Appoint SAFMC Representatives for SEDAR 15; (D) Appoint SAFMC Representatives for SEDAR 16; (E) Review Status of Vermilion Snapper Update; (F) Review Status of Gag Grouper Assessment; and (G) Finalize Terms of Reference for King Mackerel Assessment.

### A. Actions from SEDAR Steering Committee (Attachment 1)

The SEDAR Steering Committee met February 20-21, 2007 in Charleston, SC and addressed a number of assessment/scheduling issues. Their report was discussed at the March committee meeting. The schedule and any remaining items will be reviewed and discussed.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Review recommendations and action as necessary.

### B. Scientific Research Priorities

The recently reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Act charges the Councils with developing research priorities in 5-year increments. Council staff have worked with SEDAR staff using the existing compiled research list from all previous SEDARs (**Attachment 2A**) and research/data needs from existing fishery management plans to produce a draft list of research priorities (**Attachment 2B**). The Committee discussed this at the March meeting and approved sending the priorities to the SSC. The SSC will review, revise, and approve at their June 10-12, 2007 meeting. The committee should review and revise as necessary so that the research plan can be provided to the Council for formal approval during the September Council meeting.

The committee approved the following timeline for completion of the research prioritization and submission of the first SAFMC 5-year plan:

1. Review by SAFMC SEDAR Committee, March 6, 2007. Done 3/6/07.
2. Review by SAFMC SSC, June 10-12, 2007
3. SAFMC SEDAR Committee Review & Approval, September 17-21, 2007
4. Council Approval, September 21, 2007
5. Submission to Secretary, November 1, 2007.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Provide guidance to Council staff on revisions as necessary.

**C. SEDAR 15 – SAFMC Appointments**

Information on SEDAR 15 (South Atlantic Greater Amberjack and White Grunt) is included in **Attachments 3A, 3B, & 3C**. The committee should review the SEDAR Memo (**Attachment 3A**) and make all necessary appointments (**Attachment 6**). The Terms of Reference are provided as **Attachment 3B**, and the schedule is shown below (**Attachment 3C**).

- (1) Data Workshop (July 9-13, 2007) in Charleston, SC
- (2) Assessment Workshop (Oct. 22-26, 2007) in Beaufort, NC
- (3) Review Workshop (Jan 28 – Feb 1, 2008) in Raleigh, NC

SEDAR 15A (Mutton Snapper) is also included with the review workshop for SEDAR 15. The committee should review the Terms of Reference (**Attachment 4**) and make all the necessary appointments (**Attachment 6**).

- (1) Data Workshop (April 17-19, 2007) in Marathon, FL
- (2) Assessment Workshop I (August 14-16, 2007) in Marathon, FL
- (3) Assessment Workshop II (October 16-18, 2007) in St. Petersburg, FL
- (4) Review Workshop (January 28 – Feb 1, 2008) in Raleigh, NC

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Provide guidance to Council staff on revisions as necessary and make all necessary appointments.

**D. SEDAR 16 – SAFMC Appointments**

Information on SEDAR 16 (South Atlantic and Gulf King Mackerel) is included in **Attachments 5A, 5B, & 5C**. The committee should review the SEDAR Memo (**Attachment 5A**) and make all necessary appointments. The Terms of Reference are provided as **Attachment 5B**, the SAFMC SSC recommendations as **Attachment 5C**, and the schedule is shown below (**Attachment 5D & 5E**).

The current timing for SEDAR 16 – King Mackerel is as follows:

- A. Data Workshop – February 11-15, 2008 in Charleston, SC
- B. Assessment Workshop – May 5-9, 2008 in Miami, FL
- C. Review Workshop – August 11-15, 2008 in Atlanta, GA

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Provide guidance to Council staff on revisions as necessary and make all necessary appointments.

**E. SEDAR Vermilion Snapper Update**

The Vermilion Snapper Assessment Update is provided in **Attachment 7**. The committee should discuss the output relative to the Terms of Reference and provide guidance as necessary.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Review and provide guidance as necessary.

**F. Gag Grouper Assessment**

The Gag Grouper Assessment and review reports are provided in **Attachment 8**. The committee should discuss the output relative to the Terms of Reference and provide guidance as necessary.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Review and provide guidance as necessary.