

**OVERVIEW**  
**SEDAR Committee**  
Jekyll Island, GA  
**Tuesday, March 8 2016**

Items to be addressed at this meeting: SEDAR appointments, SEDAR approvals, and SEDAR activities update.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Committee last met December 2015.

3. **SEDAR APPOINTMENTS (CLOSED SESSION)**

A stock identification workshop will be held in advance of the SEDAR 50 blueline tilefish benchmark assessment workshops and data deadlines. It is tentatively scheduled for the week of June 27, 2016, to allow consideration of an ongoing genetics study. Scientific and management representation from the Southeast and Northeast Regions, SAFMC and MAFMC, is desired so that recommendations can be developed to address the biological stock and management unit.

The Committee is asked to make appointments for the stock ID workshop. Appointments for the SEDAR 50 workshops will be requested in June 2016.

**ACTION:** Appoint stock ID workshop participants (**Attachment 1, CLOSED**)

4. **STEERING APPROVALS**

SEDAR 50 will address blueline tilefish. The data workshop will be held in October 2016, the assessment will be developed through a series of webinars from February through April 2017, and the review workshop will be held in May 2017.

Terms of reference will be reviewed by the SSC in May 2016 and offered for Council approval in June 2016.

**ACTION:** Approve SEDAR 50 project schedule (**Attachment 2**)

**5. SEDAR UPDATES**

- **DATA BEST PRACTICES:** Appointments for the Data Best Practices Panel are complete and planning is underway for the group's first meeting via conference call.
- **SEDAR 41 (red snapper/gray triggerfish):** will undergo peer review March 15-17, 2016 in Charleston, and will be reviewed by the SSC May 3-5, 2016.
- **TILEFISH:** An update of (golden) tilefish is underway, and will be available for SSC review in May 2016.
- **BLACK GROUPER:** The SEDAR 48 benchmark of black grouper, led by FL FWCC, may need to be delayed until Spring 2017, from August 2016, due to staffing issues and the complexity of conducting the assessment with SS3.
- **MRIP REVISIONS:** Preliminary recommendations of stocks to receive revised assessments addressing MRIP data updates are scheduled to be provided for SSC consideration at the May 2016 meeting, with a list of candidate stocks presented for Council approval in June 2016.
- **ASSESSMENT PRIORITIZATION:** The SSC will be asked to apply the NMFS assessment prioritization process to SAFMC stocks in May 2016.
- **STEERING COMMITTEE:** The next Steering Committee is not scheduled at this time. The Committee intends to meet next in late Spring or early Summer, once each SSC and Council has had a chance to review the NMFS Stock Assessment Prioritization Tool.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7. ADJOURN**

South Atlantic Assessment Projects

Plan Year	SEDAR #	Stocks	Approach	Terminal Data	Assessment Complete	Lead Agency
2015	41	Red snapper & Gray triggerfish	Benchmark	2014	April 2016	SEFSC
	U	Tilefish	Update	2014	April 2016	SEFSC
2016	47	Goliath grouper	Benchmark	2014	Jun 2016	FL FWCC
	48	Black grouper	Standard	2014	Spring 2017	FL FWCC
	U	Blueline tilefish	Update	2015	Jan 2017	SEFSC
		Red grouper	Update	2015	Jan 2017	SEFSC
2017	50	Blueline Tilefish	Benchmark	2015	Oct 2017	SEFSC
	U	Vermilion	Update	2016	Jan 2018	SEFSC
	S/B	MRIP Revisions, TBD	Revision	2016	June 2018	SEFSC
2018	B	Yellowtail Snapper	Benchmark	2016	Spring 2019	FL FWCC
	S	Scamp, Gulf + SA	Benchmark	2016	Mid-2019	SEFSC