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OVERVIEW

SEDAR Committee

Key West Marriott Beachside Hotel
3841 N. Roosevelt Boulevard
Key West, FL

Items to be addressed at this meeting: (1) SEDAR activities update, (2) Steering Committee report and process recommendations, (3) Administrative procedures revision and (4) SEDAR 27 review workshop appointments.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Committee last met March 2011.

3. **SEDAR ACTIVITIES**

The Steering Committee met May 2 in Charleston (**Attachment 1**).

The Data Workshop was held for SEDAR 25, South Atlantic black sea bass and golden tilefish, on April 26-28, and the assessment workshop will be held June 21-23 in Beaufort NC.

4. **SEFSC REPORT on INTERJURISDICTIONAL STOCKS**

At the last meeting, the committee discussed assessment possibilities for those stocks which range beyond the boundaries of the Council. A concern was raised that it may be difficult to provide informative assessments, and to develop adequate management benchmarks, for such stocks. SEFSC Director Ponwith suggested that SEFSC staff would review assessment possibilities for such stocks and report back to the committee at this meeting.

5. **SEDAR STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The SEDAR Steering Committee met May 2 in Charleston, SC, to approve revised guidelines (**Attachment 2**), determine assessments for 2012, and review procedural issues.

The Steering Committee intends to create a technical committee, composed of SSC chairs, key data providers and analytical team representatives, to address assessment prioritization and scheduling. This group will review planned assessments for 2013 and beyond and recommend a feasible work plan to the Steering Committee for consideration at its next meeting in Fall 2011.

The Committee is asked to provide an initial prioritization of stocks desired for consideration in 2013 and beyond. Committee recommendations will be provided to the SSC for consideration and evaluation of data availability, timing, and work load. Recommendations of

the SEDAR Committee and the SSC will be provided to the technical committee for consideration when developing a proposed plan for 2013. It is anticipated that recommendations of the technical committee will be available for Council consideration at the September meeting, thereby giving the opportunity for feedback between the Council, SSC and SEDAR technical committee before the Steering Committee takes action. Past assessments are listed in **Attachment 3**.

ACTION: Prioritize stocks for assessment in 2013, including identification of the desired assessment type.

Identify stocks to consider for assessment in 2014-2016.

6. SAFMC SEDAR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

The Committee is asked to review revisions to the SAFMC SEDAR administrative procedures addressing alternates for SEDAR appointees (**Attachment 4**). At earlier meetings the Committee discussed designating alternates to ensure adequate representation at workshops. Using alternates to ensure participation has proven difficult, largely due to uncertainty regarding which alternates should be elevated, lack of clear guidance in Council and SEDAR staff responsibilities in managing alternates and timing of notifications of attendance issues. The proposed revisions reflect discussions held by this Committee in June 2010 and are intended to clarify issues surrounding management of designated alternates.

ACTION: Review and approve revisions to the administrative procedures

7. SEDAR APPOINTMENTS

The Committee is asked to appoint two SSC members as reviewers for SEDAR 27, Yellowtail snapper and Gulf of Mexico menhaden and one as a workshop chair. The Gulf Council initially agreed to provide two reviewers and a review panel chair, but later decided to withdraw from any involvement in the review workshop based on their intent to transfer management of yellowtail snapper to the South Atlantic Council.

SSC members indicating availability and interest:

John Boreman: Reviewer
Churchill Grimes: Reviewer
Luiz Barbieri: Chair

Future assessments: Appointments will be requested in September 2011 for the benchmark assessment of white grunt and the benchmark assessments of Spanish mackerel and cobia. Prior to September, SEDAR staff will contact Council members to solicit suggested participants for consideration. Committee members are asked to consider candidates from their area, agency or sector who have data or expertise to contribute. To ensure appointments can be made at the September meeting, arrangements should be made through Council staff to secure completed AP application materials for any possible appointees who are not on the SEDAR AP pool.

The Committee will also be asked to approve Terms of Reference. Members are urged to consider specific issues and concerns that may need to be considered for these assessments.

ACTION: Appoint 2 SSC reviewers and a review panel chair for SEDAR 27.

7. OTHER BUSINESS