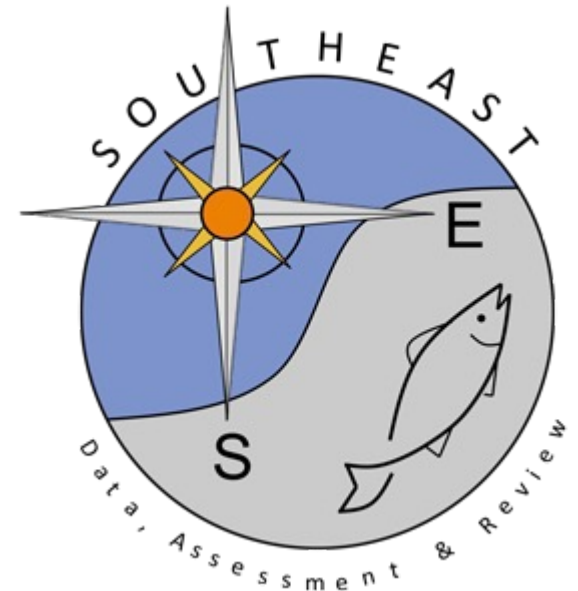


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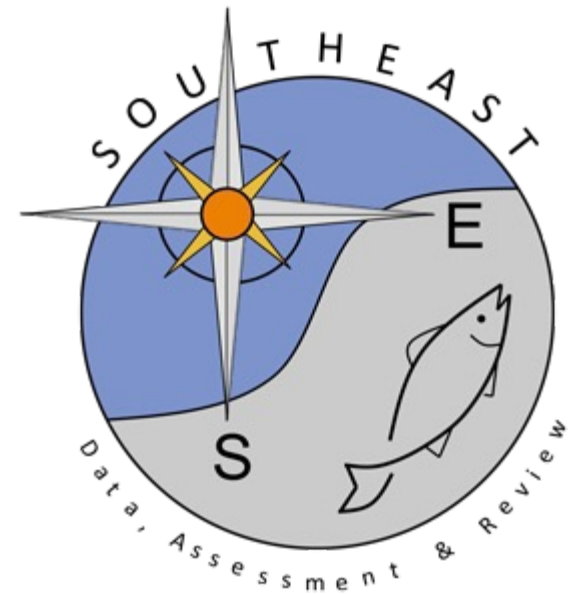
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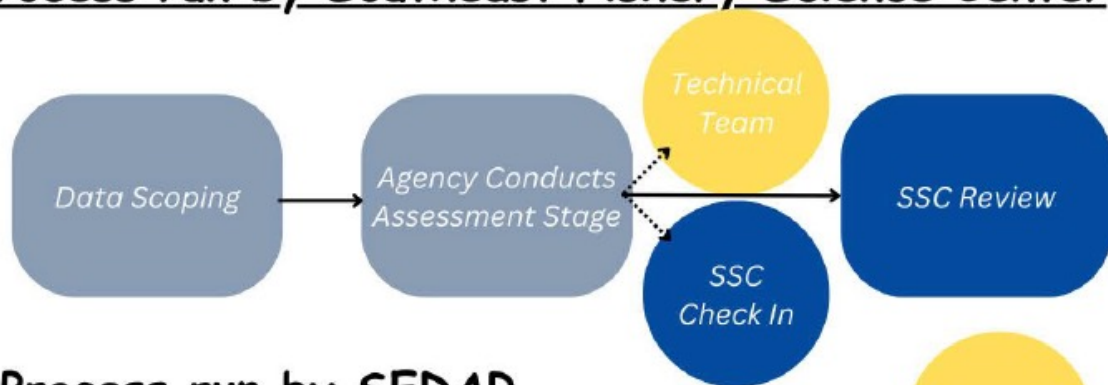
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SEDAR Process for Fishery Management Councils & FL FWC

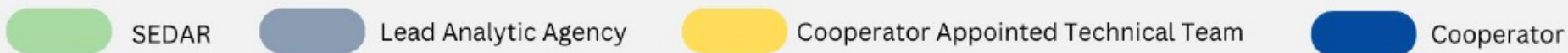
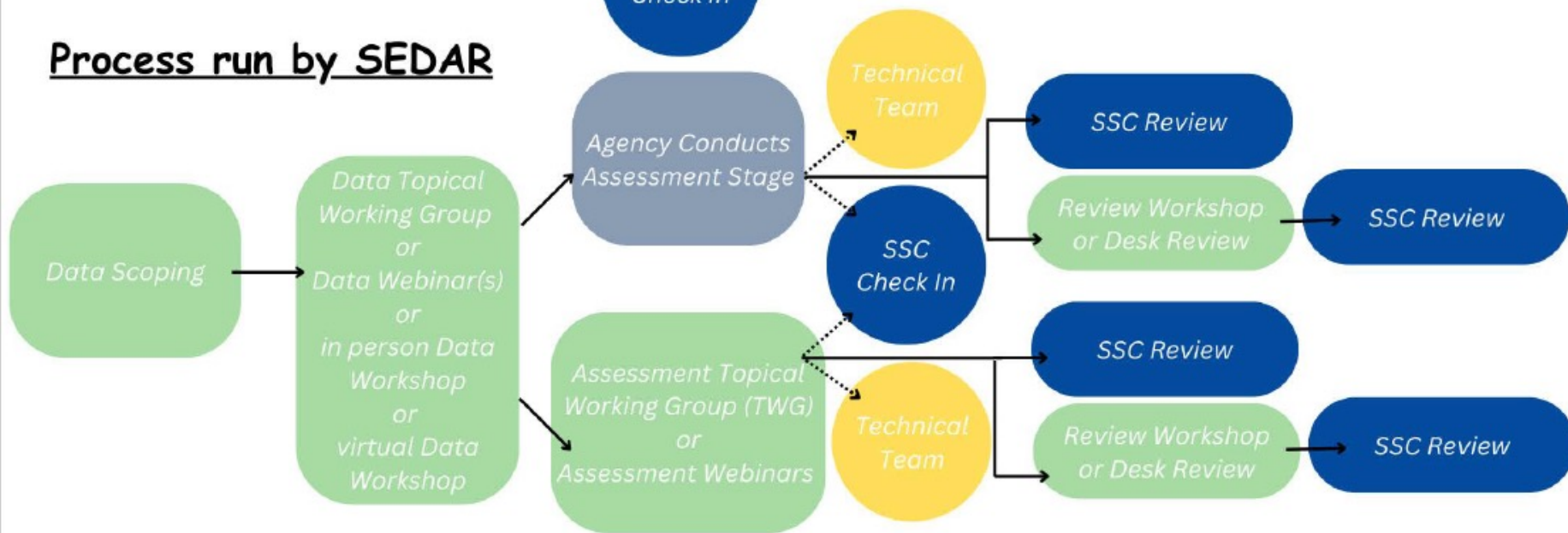
Process run by Southeast Fishery Science Center

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*Stock ID if needed before Data Scoping

Process run by SEDAR



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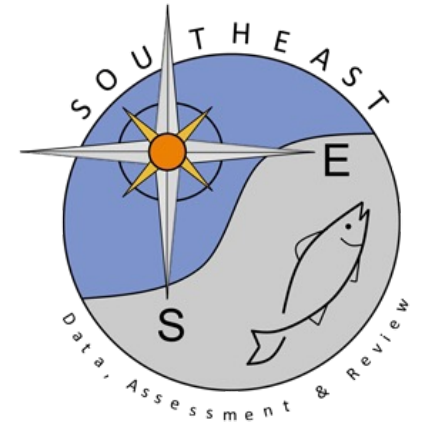
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Summary

- Key role of SEDAR
- Cooperator appoints individuals to participate in the assessment
- Level of participation varies depending on project structure
- Individuals requesting to be kept informed will be added to the project's Interested Parties list

Components

1. Stock Identification
2. Data Scoping
3. Data Topical Working Groups
4. Data Webinars
5. Data Workshop



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1. Stock Identification

- Identify stock boundaries for a given assessment
- To be completed before the data component begins
- Webinar-based process- noticed in the Federal Register, open to the public
- Panel of appointed individuals with relevant expertise



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2. Data Scoping

- Initial step to identify potential data sets available for consideration during the assessment process and determine who will be responsible for data analysis
- Scope of data to be discussed depends on process structure (further details below)
- Webinar-based process – noticed in the Federal Register, open to the public
- SEDAR coordinates this stage for all SEDAR assessment projects

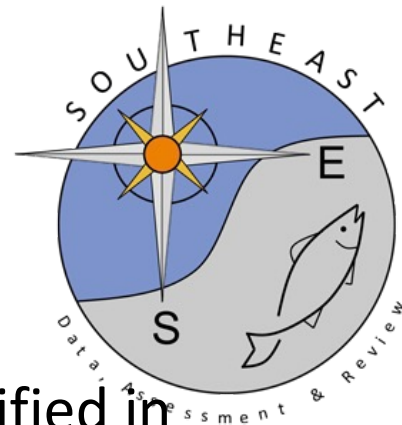


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3. Data Topical Working Groups

- Small working groups assembled to discuss specific data topics identified in the Terms of Reference for a given SEDAR project
- Discussion of other data topics not specifically identified is limited
- Groups are comprised of members of the analytic team, SSC, stakeholders, and other technical experts
- Provide feedback and recommendations to the analytic team conducting the assessment
- Group meets through a short series of publicly noticed webinars. These webinars are open to the public and follow standard SEDAR procedures.

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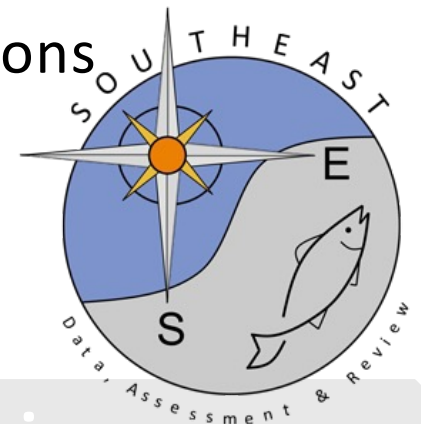
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4. Data Webinars

- Panel of appointed individuals (agency scientists, academics, data subject matter experts, stakeholders)
- Panel meets through a series of webinars - noticed in the Federal Register, open to the public
- Select data sets up for consideration
- Need more time to review than available for topical working group
- Process report produced to document discussions and recommendations



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5. Data Workshop

- In-person workshop - noticed in the Federal Register, open to the public
- Panel of appointed individuals (agency scientists, academics, data subject matter experts, stakeholders)
- All data sets up for consideration
- Workshop report produced to document discussions and recommendations

Virtual workshop

- When an in-person workshop is unavailable
- Same criteria as listed above for in-person workshop



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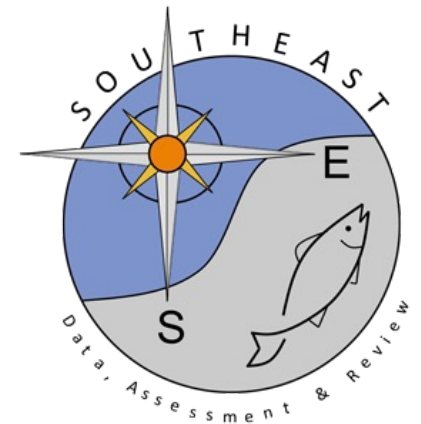
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Summary

- Cooperator appoints individuals to participate in the assessment
- Categories of participants and level of participation varies depending on process structure
- Individuals requesting to be kept informed will be added to the project's Interested Parties list

Components

1. Assessment Topical Working Groups
2. Assessment Panel Webinars
3. Agency-Led Internal Assessment



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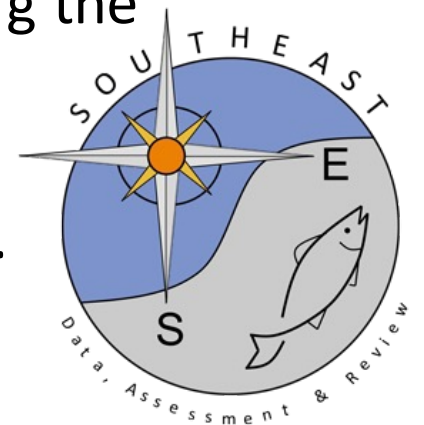
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Assessment Stage

1. Assessment Topical Working Groups

- Small working groups assembled to discuss specific assessment topics identified in the Terms of Reference for a given SEDAR project.
- Discussion of other assessment topics not specifically identified should be limited
- Groups are comprised of members of the analytic team, SSC, stakeholders, and other technical experts
- Provide feedback and recommendations to the analytic team conducting the assessment
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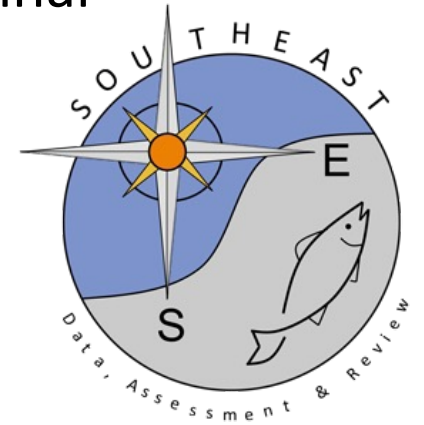
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2. Assessment Panel Webinars

- Panel of appointed individuals (agency scientists, academics, other technical experts)
- Panel meets through a series of webinars - noticed in the Federal Register, open to the public
- All aspects of the modeling are up for consideration
- Process report produced to document discussions, data update, and final model recommendations, diagnostics, and results.



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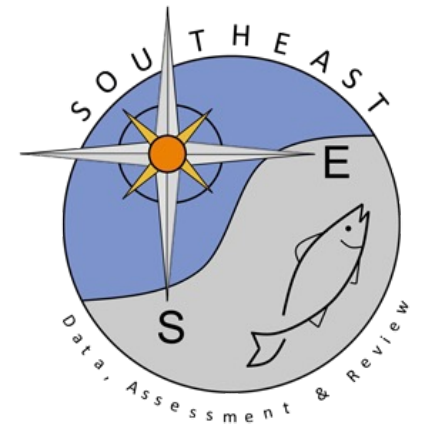
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3. Agency-Led Internal Assessment

- Lead analytic agency develops the assessment without structured input from an assessment panel or topical working group.
- No noticed SEDAR-led workshops or webinars.
- Technical Team with the relevant expertise would be available to provide feedback as needed during model development.
- Processes for technical body feedback prior to completion of the assessment are available.



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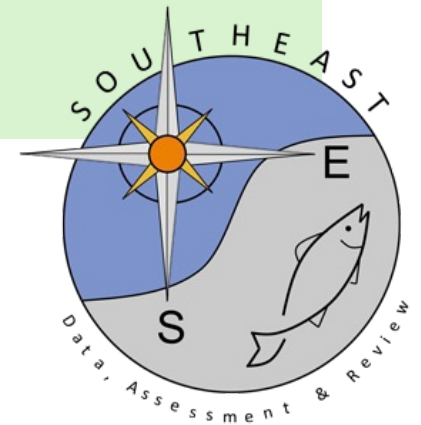
External Peer Review Stage

Summary

- The review process shall provide an independent peer review of SEDAR stock assessments.
- The intent of the review is to ensure that the assessment and results are scientifically sound and that decision makers are provided adequate advice that reflects uncertainties in the data and methods.
- The review panel shall not provide specific management advice. Review panel recommendations are advisory in nature.
- Review panels may not conduct alternative assessments.

Components

1. Review Workshop
2. Desk Review



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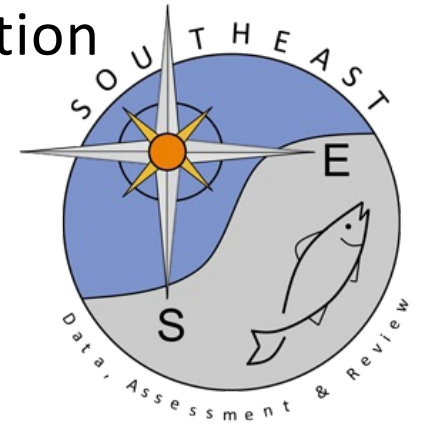
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External Peer Review Stage

1. Review Workshop

- In person review of data and assessment
- Review Workshop Panels shall typically be composed of:
 - 3 reviewers appointed by the CIE (Center for Independent Experts).
 - 2 reviewers from the CTB or from each Cooperator having jurisdiction over the stocks under review, if desired by the Cooperator.
 - Optionally, 1 reviewer appointed by each Cooperator having jurisdiction over the stocks under review.



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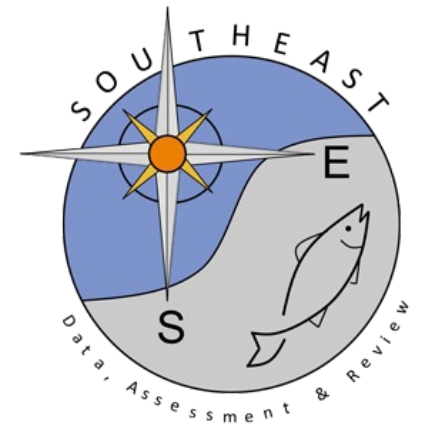
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External Peer Review Stage

2. Desk Review

- Desk reviews refer to written reviews conducted by individuals, working on their own outside of any workshop process and without any presentation of methods and results beyond that contained in the assessment reports.
- Desk reviews shall be conducted by 3 reviewers appointed by the CIE (Center for Independent Experts), if possible. The Cooperator may appoint an additional reviewer at its discretion.

***Investigating option for analysts to provide reviewers with a virtual presentation of assessment and allow CIE reviewers to ask clarifying questions prior to desk review ***



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