Species:

Snowy Grouper

Model and Additional Data Years:

- Prior Assessment: South Atlantic Snowy Grouper SEDAR 36U
- Prior Terminal Year: 2018
- OA Terminal Year: 2022, adding 4 years of new data.
- Apply the current BAM configuration.

Requested Data Updates (Please be as specific as possible):

o Include any new and updated information on life history, discard mortality, and steepness.

<u>Requested Model Modification to previously approved assessment (Please be as specific as possible):</u>

• Separate landings and discards into different data streams due to potential change in discard mortality (current research at NCSU), which may result in a selectivity change due to the seasonal recreational fishery, low bag limit, and survivorship of some released fish when descending devices are used.

Is a Topical Working Group Needed? Yes

If Yes, Topical Working Group Topics:

• Topic 1: Methods to estimate landings of Snowy Grouper north of the South Atlantic region and consider for inclusion in assessment (species moving northward)

Suggested Topical Working Group Process:

Webinar held early during the assessment process but after the data scoping.

APPROVED TIMING:

- Assessment Species are approved at Spring SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting (ex. May 2020)
- Cooperators use their process to develop SoWs
- Initial Cooperator-approved SoWs submitted to SEFSC by October 15th, 2020
- SEFSC provides feedback to Cooperators via memo no later than February 1st, 2021
- Cooperators/Technical review bodies review feedback and negotiate final SoWs with SEFSC
- Final SoWs provided to SEDAR Program Manager by May 1st, 2021

Species:

Tilefish

Model and Additional Data Years:

- Prior Assessment: South Atlantic Tilefish SEDAR 66
- Prior Terminal Year: 2018
- OA Terminal Year: 2022, adding 4 years of new data.
- Apply the current BAM configuration.

Requested Data Updates (Please be as specific as possible):

• Include any new and updated information on life history, discard mortality, and steepness.

<u>Requested Model Modification to previously approved assessment (Please be as specific as possible):</u>

• Modify the model to incorporate hermaphroditism identified in Lombardi-Carlson (2012).

Is a Topical Working Group Needed? No

If Yes, Topical Working Group Topics:

• No Topical Working Group needed.

Suggested Topical Working Group Process:

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