

SAFMC Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel  
SEDAR Updates  
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Status updates for Snapper Grouper related SEDAR Projects area summarized below.

SEDAR 55 South Atlantic Vermilion Snapper, Standard

Vermilion Snapper was last assessed in 2012, in an update including data through 2011. A standard assessment is underway with a terminal year of 2016. The assessment will consider new video index data, alternative error distributions for fitting age and length composition data, an alternative method to estimate recreational historic data, and incorporation of new batch fecundity estimates. The Project Schedule and Terms of Reference were approved, and appointments made, in June 2017. A data scoping call was held in August 2017. The SEDAR 55 data deadline was September 18, 2017. There were several delays in data submissions due to impacts from Hurricane Irma and a revised schedule extending the assessment timeline approximately one month was approved. Assessment Scoping webinars were held in October and November 2017 and a series of Assessment Webinars were held from January 2018 through March 2018. The assessment is scheduled to be complete by mid-April 2018 and is still on track to be considered by the South Atlantic SSC at its Spring 2018 meeting. Recommendations will be provided to the Council in June 2018.

SEDAR 56 South Atlantic Black Seabass, Standard

Black Seabass was last assessed in 2013, in an update with data through 2012. A standard assessment is underway to include data through 2016. The assessment will consider new video data, reconsider the use of length and age data, and consider new studies and data available on discard mortality. The assessment originally had a terminal year of 2015 and was scheduled to occur over a series of webinars between February and August 2017. On May 1, 2017, the analytical team requested a six-week delay in the assessment due to late data submissions. The request was reviewed by the SEDAR Steering Committee and the SAFMC, and the extension was granted along with an expansion of the terminal year to 2016. The schedule was revised, extending the series of webinars through March 2018. The assessment is on track and scheduled to be complete at the beginning of April 2018, to be considered by the South Atlantic SSC at its Spring 2018 meeting, and recommendations will be provided to the Council in June 2018.

SEDAR 59 South Atlantic Greater Amberjack, Standard

Greater Amberjack was last assessed as a Benchmark, through SEDAR 15 using data through 2006. The upcoming assessment will be a standard, including data through 2016 and revised MRIP estimates, and will also consider new video index data, potential development of a headboat at sea observer index, and updates to data calculation methodologies. The Council made appointments and approved the schedule and terms of reference in December 2017. The assessment will get underway with a Data Scoping webinar on March 30, 2018. An Assessment Scoping webinar is scheduled for late June and a series of Assessment webinars are scheduled from August 2018 – October 2018. The assessment is scheduled for completion in December 2018, and review by the SSC in Spring 2019.

#### SEDAR 60 South Atlantic Red Porgy, Standard

Red Porgy were last assessed as an update, including data through 2011. The upcoming assessment will be a standard, to include data through 2017 and revised MRIP estimates and will consider new video index data and updates to data calculation methodologies. The Council made appointments and approved the schedule and terms of reference in December 2017. The assessment will get underway with a Data Scoping webinar in late June 2018. An Assessment Scoping webinar is scheduled for October 2018. Assessment webinars are scheduled for November 2018 and January 2019 and an in-person workshop is scheduled for December 10-12, 2018. The assessment is scheduled to be complete in March 2019 and reviewed by the SSC in Spring 2019.

#### SEDAR 64 Southeastern US Yellowtail Snapper, Benchmark

Yellowtail Snapper was last assessed as a benchmark, including data through 2010. The State of Florida is the lead analytical agency. The Data Workshop will be held February 25-March 1, 2019, the assessment webinars will be held between April and July 2019, and the Review Workshop will be held September 10-12, 2019. The SSC will be asked to review a project schedule and TORs at its May 2018 meeting, and the Council asked to make appointments and approvals at its June 2018 meeting. SEDAR staff would like to identify potential Snapper Grouper AP members or other stakeholders who may be interested in participating in this assessment.

#### Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Scamp, Research Track (1 or 2 stocks)

No prior scamp assessments have been completed through SEDAR. A Scamp Research Track assessment was preliminarily scheduled to start the first quarter of 2018. At their May 2017 meeting, the SEDAR Steering Committee delayed the start of the Scamp Research Track assessment until 2019 due to the Research Track process not being adequately described. Because the project statement of work, addressing the research track approach, has not yet been provided by the SEFSC, the timing of this project is currently unknown. Further discussion is anticipated at the Spring 2018 SEDAR Steering Committee meeting.

#### South Atlantic Golden Tilefish, Standard

Golden Tilefish was last assessed as an update, including data through 2014. A standard assessment is scheduled to occur in 2019. Planning for this project will get underway in the upcoming months. SEDAR staff would like to identify potential Snapper Grouper AP members or other stakeholders who may be interested in participating in this assessment.

#### MRIP Revision Assessments

Requested stocks for MRIP Revision Assessments are Red Grouper, Blueline Tilefish, Black Seabass, and Vermilion Snapper. Revision Assessments will include an update of the MRIP data, based on calibrations applied to address the effort survey change. No additional changes or data will be considered, and the terminal year of the assessment will not be advanced. Revision assessments were initially scheduled for development in late 2017. The MRIP Transition Team recommended delaying assessment revisions until 2018, due to delays in the calibration processes and to include the full three year side by side comparison. Revised MRIP data are scheduled to be available in July 2018. Exact timing for the revision

assessments is TBD, however development will likely begin in late 2018. At their March 2018 meeting, the Council requested addressing Red Grouper through the first MRIP Revision Assessment.

Table 1. SAFMC SEDAR list of current and planned projects and future requests.

Plan Year	SEDAR #	Stocks	Approach	Terminal Data	Assessment Complete	Lead Agency
2017	55	Vermilion Snapper	Standard	2016	April 2018	SEFSC
	56	Black Sea Bass	Standard	2016	April 2018	SEFSC
2018	58	Atlantic Cobia	Benchmark	2017	Late 2019	SEFSC
	59	Greater Amberjack	Standard	2016	Dec 2018	SEFSC
	60	Red Porgy	Standard	2017	Mar 2019	SEFSC
	NA	MRIP Revisions <sup>1</sup>	Revision	varies	TBD	SEFSC
	TBD	King Mackerel	Benchmark	TBD	TBD	SEFSC
2019	64	Yellowtail Snapper	Benchmark	TBD	Fall 2019	FL FWCC
	TBD	Snowy Grouper	Standard	TBD	TBD	SEFSC
	TBD	Golden Tilefish	Standard	TBD	TBD	SEFSC
	TBD	Scamp, Gulf + SA	Research Track	TBD	Mid-2020	SEFSC
FUTURE PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED BY SAFMC						
2020		Red Snapper	Benchmark			
		Spanish Mackerel	Standard			
		Gag	Standard			
		Scamp – Continued/Operational	Research Track			
2021		Gray Triggerfish	Benchmark			
		Black Sea Bass	Update			
		Red Grouper	Standard			
		Open – TBD Fall 2019				
2022		White Grunt	Benchmark			

1. MRIP Revisions: Red Grouper, Blueline Tilefish, Black Sea Bass, Vermilion Snapper