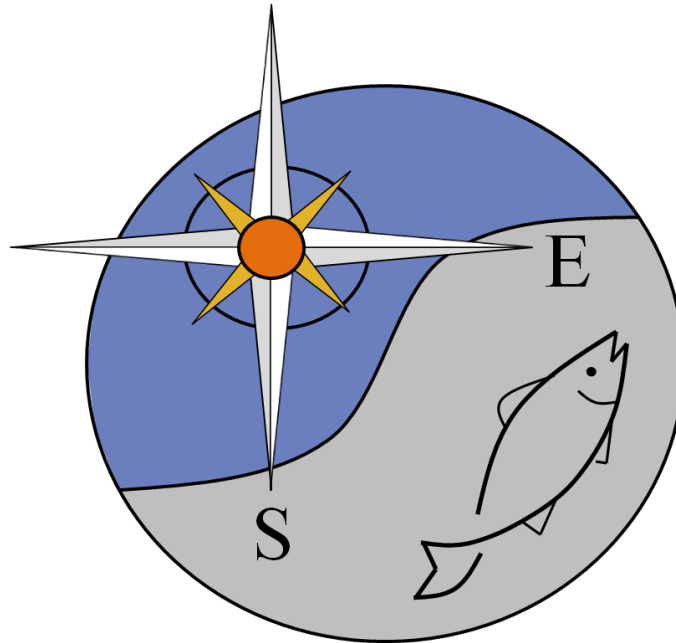


SEDAR



SEDAR Steering Committee

Meeting Brief

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1 Introduction

1.1 Documents

- Agenda
- Attachment 1. May 2024 Draft Meeting Summary

1.2 Action

- Introduction
- Review and Approve Agenda
- Approve Meeting Summary

2 SEDAR Projects Report

2.1 Documents

Attachment 2. SEDAR Projects Update February 2024

2.2 Summary

The projects report (Attachment 2) provides a summary of current and recently completed SEDAR assessment projects.

Highlighted project developments:

SEDAR 87 - Gulf of Mexico Brown, Pink, and White Shrimp. The Data Workshop was held September 18-22, 2023. A variety of issues with the commercial landing streams

caused significant delays in completing the data preparation. The Data Workshop Report is scheduled to be completed in August. Assessment webinars have been postponed to September 2024 – February 2025. The Review Workshop is now scheduled for June 2025 and the assessment should be completed in August 2025.

SEDAR 92 – Atlantic Blueline Tilefish. A Landings Stream Topical Working Group met via webinars from April–July 2024. During those webinars, it was determined that an addition Life History TWG would be needed to review new age information. That group will meet via webinar in August/September 2024. The addition of the second TWG will cause a delay in the completion of the assessment (originally scheduled for November 2024). The new completion date is being discussed.

2.3 Action

- Informational; none required

3 SEDAR Process Review and Discussion

3.1 Documents

Attachment 3: SEFSC Process Update Presentation

3.1 Summary

SEFSC Update on Process Recommendations:

The SEFSC will provide an update on their work toward a consensus document outlining the proposed modifications to the SEDAR process.

Participate Roles and Terminology Discussion:

- 1) **Participation:** The existing SEDAR process has two levels at which individuals may actively participate: Panels or Topical Working Groups.

Panels: Individuals appointed by a Cooperator to a workshop panel. Responsible for participating in workshop discussions, deliberations, consensus building, and documentation. May also be responsible for submitting data and analyses in support of the assessment.

Topical Working Groups (TWGs): Small working groups assembled to discuss specific topics identified in the Statements of Work for a given SEDAR Operational Assessment. They provide feedback and recommendations to the analytic team conducting the assessment. The scope of their feedback is limited to the specific topic.

The Committee is asked to discuss these options for stakeholder roles and participation.

- 2) **Terms of Reference vs. Statements of Work:** There is a difference between these phrases and what they represent but they are sometimes used interchangeably which has caused confusion.

Statements of Work (SoW): These were associated with the Operational assessments. They were requested from the Cooperators by the SEFSC as a planning tool. Some Cooperators produced them through discussions with their technical bodies while others also include their Councils/management bodies. They represented a proposal of what the Cooperators wanted done for a particular assessment project. They were a starting point for negotiations and a precursor to the development of Terms of Reference.

Terms of Reference (ToR): These were associated with every assessment and represent a contract for what is expected from the assessment. They are produced in conjunction with the lead analytic agency and the Cooperator, with involvement by both the technical and management bodies. They are more formal in nature than SoW and are part of the Administrative Record for a project.

The Committee is asked to discuss the need for both items and clarify how they will be utilized in the modified process.

3.1 Action

- Provide feedback on the possible changes to the SEDAR process.
- Provide feedback on options for stakeholder roles and participation.
- Discuss the need for Statements of Work and Terms of Reference and clarify terminology.

4 Assessment Schedule Review

4.1 Documents

Attachment 4: SEDAR Projects List

4.2 Summary

The SEFSC did not provide a draft 2026 schedule for discussion prior to the posting of the Briefing materials for this meeting. The development of the 2026 schedule may be influenced by the discussions the Committee during the Spring meeting.

4.3 Action

- Consider any needed modifications to the 2025 Projects
- Finalize the 2026 Projects Schedule
- Discuss Future Project Requests (2027-2029)

5 Other Business

5.1 Documents

None

5.2 Summary

- Introduction of New SEDAR Coordinator

Please welcome the new SEDAR Coordinator, Emily Ott. Emily recently received her Master of Marine and Environmental Sciences from Nicholls State University, where NSF-funded research focused on spotted gar. Since graduating she has been working as the Program Advisor with Marine Quest in Wilmington, NC as well as interning with the North Carolina Coastal Federation. Her experiences as an educator, coordinator, and scientist will all serve her well in this position.

5.3 Action

- The Committee should discuss any issues and provide recommendations if needed.

6 Next Meeting

The Committee is asked to make scheduling recommendations and suggest topics for the next meeting. SEDAR Staff would suggest that the next meeting be held in Charleston, SC in February 2025.

Table 1: SEDAR Project Planning Grid – March 2024 SEDAR Steering Committee Outcome
 Table Color Legend:

Steering Committee Approved and SEFSC Scheduled Projects					FUTURE Requests											
Steering Committee Approved, PENDING SEFSC SCHEDULING					2026 Preliminary Projects – To Be Finalized at the Spring 2024 Meeting											
SEDAR SCHEDULE OVERVIEW – March 2024 SEDAR Steering Committee Outcome																
YEAR	SA Team				Gulf Team					Caribbean Team		HMS Team		FL FWCC	Menhaden/ RW only	
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	1	2			
2024		S82 Gray Triggerfish RT		S89 Tilefish OA	S88 Red Grouper OA					S84 Yellowtail Snapper (PR & STT/STJ) and Stoplight Parrotfish (STX) Benchmark				S79 Mutton Snapper Benchmark	S96 YTS OA	S93 ASMFC Red Drum (RW)
2025	S90 Red Snapper Benchmark	S95 Atlantic Migratory Cobia Benchmark	S92 Blueline Tilefish OA						S87 White, Pink, and Brown Shrimp Benchmark		S91 Spiny Lobster (all islands) Benchmark		S770A Hammerhead Sharks			S97 GSMFC Menhaden OA
2026	SA King Mackerel	S820A Gray Triggerfish	Snowy Grouper Gag Grouper	Red Grouper –single stock continuity -External Peer Review	King Mackerel	Gray Triggerfish			S98 Red Snapper Benchmark	S98 Red Snapper Benchmark			Bull and Sandbar Sharks	S94 Hogfish	Black Grouper MSE (24/25)	ASMFC Menhaden (RW)
2027																
2028	Vermilion	Greater Amberjack	Red Porgy													GSMFC Menhaden
2029																ASMFC Menhaden
2030																

Timing of projects shown in this table is approximate and is intended for SEDAR Steering Committee workload planning purposes only. Please consult individual project schedules for specific start and end dates.