SAFMC: Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel SEDAR Updates Draft: 3/21/2018

Status updates for Coastal Migratory Pelagic related SEDAR Projects area summarized below.

SEDAR 58 Atlantic Cobia, Benchmark

Cobia were last assessed as a Benchmark through SEDAR 28, including data through 2011. Atlantic Cobia was originally scheduled as a Research Track assessment. However, at their May 2017 meeting, the SEDAR Steering Committee recommended conducting cobia as a Benchmark assessment, including a Stock ID evaluation based on the process developed by the Steering Committee in September 2016. The SAFMC made workshop appointments for the Stock ID process at the December 2018 meeting. The Stock ID Workshop will be held April 10-12, 2018 and the Stock ID Review Workshop June 5-7, 2018, with the final Stock ID resolution complete by the end of August 2018. Planning for the remaining stages for this assessment (Data, Assessment and Review) are underway now. The SSC will be asked to review a schedule and Terms of Reference at its May 2018 meeting, and the SAFMC will be asked to make appointments and approvals at their June 2018 meeting. SEDAR staff would like to identify potential Mackerel Cobia AP members or other stakeholders who may be interested in participating in the remaining stages of this assessment.

Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic King Mackerel

King Mackerel were last assessed as a Benchmark in SEDAR 38, including data through 2013. The SEFSC has been working cooperatively with scientists from Mexico to enable them to observe the assessment process and assist them in preparing their data; however, only US data will be included in this assessment. Given current workload commitments, this project may begin sometime in 2019 at the earliest. Planning for this assessment will get underway in the upcoming months.

SEDAR #	Stocks	Approach	Terminal Data	Assessment Complete	Lead Agency
55	Vermilion Snapper	Standard	2016	April 2018	SEFSC
56	Black Sea Bass	Standard	2016	April 2018	SEFSC
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 ¹	Revision	varies	TBD	SEFSC
TBD	King Mackerel	Benchmark	TBD	TBD	SEFSC
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
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	Red Snapper	Benchmark			
	Spanish Mackerel	Standard			
	Gag	Standard			
	Scamp –	Research			
	Continued/Operational	Track			
	Gray Triggerfish	Benchmark			
	Black Sea Bass	Update			
	Red Grouper	Standard			
	Open – TBD Fall 2019				
	White Grunt	Benchmark			
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 Table 1. SAFMC SEDAR list of current and planned projects and future requests.

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