

SAFMC: Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel
SEDAR Updates
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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.

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 ¹	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			

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