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South Atlantic Black Sea Bass Update Assessment DRAFT Terms of Reference

1. Update the approved SEDAR 25 Black Sea Bass base model with data through 2012.
2. Document any changes or corrections made to model and input datasets and provide updated input data tables. Provide commercial and recreational landings and discards in pounds and numbers.
3. Update model parameter estimates and their variances, model uncertainties, estimates of stock status and management benchmarks, and provide the probability of overfishing occurring at specified future harvest and exploitation levels.
 - *Provide a projection of yield and status based on the following scenarios:*
 - *Fixed landings of 847,000 pounds (ww).*
 - *Fmsy*
 - *Frebuild (in 2016) at 50% P-rebuild*
 - *Frebuild (in 2016) at the P-rebuild to be specified in December 2012.*
4. Develop a stock assessment update report to address these TORS and fully document the input data and results of the stock assessment update.

NOTE: The intent of update assessments is to expedite appraisals of stock status by using only the methods and data sets used in the base model and approved during the preceding SEDAR assessment of that stock. Accordingly, it is not the intent of this update to resolve any outstanding issues identified in the initial SEDAR 25 assessment.

