



# SEDAR

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### SEDAR Steering Committee

### Projects Report

May 2016

#### Completed Projects, October 2015 –April 2016.

**7 projects assessing 12 stocks, 1 special topics workshop.**

#### Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper, Update

**Coordinator:** Julie A Neer

**Summary:** An update to SEDAR 31 – Gulf of Mexico red snapper was conducted in 2014. The Gulf Council SSC reviewed the assessment in January 2015. The final update report was delivered to SEDAR in September 2015.

#### SEDAR 41 South Atlantic Red Snapper and Gray Triggerfish, Benchmark

**Coordinator:** Julia Byrd

**Summary:** The initial Data Workshop (DW) was held August 4-8, 2014 in Charleston, SC. The project was delayed to address concerns over accuracy of historic headboat catch records. A second, abbreviated DW was held August 4-6, 2015 in Charleston, SC. The Assessment Process was conducted through a combination of an in-person workshop, held December 14-17, 2015 in Morehead City, NC, and a series of webinars held from October 2015 to February 2016. The Review Workshop was held March 15-18, 2016 in North Charleston, SC. The final Stock Assessment Reports were disseminated on April 19, 2016.

#### SEDAR 42 Gulf of Mexico Red Grouper, Benchmark

**Coordinator:** Julie Neer

**Summary:** The Data Workshop was held November 17-21, 2014 in St. Petersburg, FL. The assessment webinars were held between March and June 2015. The Review Workshop was conducted in Miami, FL July 14-16, 2015. The final Stock Assessment Report was disseminated on 14 October 2015.



## SEDAR 44 ASMFC Atlantic Red Drum, Benchmark

**Coordinator:** Julia Byrd

**Summary:** The Review Workshop was held August 25-27, 2015 in Charleston, SC. The final Stock Assessment Report was provided to the ASMFC on September 22, 2015.

## SEDAR 45 Gulf of Mexico Vermilion Snapper, Standard

**Coordinator:** Julie Neer

**Summary:** An assessment following a Standard-track approach for Gulf of Mexico vermilion snapper was conducted in late 2015/early 2016. The in-person workshop was held November 17-19, 2015 in Miami, followed by a series of webinars to finalize the assessment. The final Stock Assessment Report was disseminated 1 April 2016 and should be reviewed by the Gulf Council SSC in June 2016.

## SEDAR 46 Caribbean Data-limited Species, Benchmark of 5 stocks.

Stocks Addressed: Puerto Rico Hogfish & Yellowtail Snapper; St. Thomas Queen Triggerfish; St. Croix parrotfish; St. Thomas-St. Croix Spiny Lobster.

**SEDAR Contact:** Julie Neer

**Summary:** The final Stock Assessment Report for SEDAR 46 was released on 13 April 2016, and the assessment was reviewed by the Caribbean Council's SSC April 19-21, 2016. The assessment was well received by the SSC, and represents a great step forward in providing scientific advice for guiding management in the U.S. Caribbean. Data triage was conducted for 32 stocks.

## South Atlantic Tilefish (Golden), Update

**SEDAR Contact:** Julia Byrd

**Summary:** An update to SEDAR 25 South Atlantic Tilefish was conducted in 2016. The final update report was available in April 2016. The South Atlantic SSC will review the assessment at their May 2016 meeting.

## Data Best Practices Procedural Workshop

**SEDAR Contact:** Julia Byrd

**Summary:** The SEDAR Data Best Practices workshop was held June 22-26, 2015 in Atlanta, GA. Prior to the workshop a series of focus group webinars was held to develop a data issue inventory to help identify the issues to be discussed at this workshop. Three post-workshop webinars were held between July and September 2015. The final workshop report was disseminated September 11, 2015.

## **Projects in Progress**

### **7 projects addressing 14 stocks**

#### **SEDAR 47 Florida Goliath Grouper, Benchmark Review**

**SEDAR Contact:** Julie Neer

**Summary:** Florida FWC will be the lead assessment team for this assessment, with SEDAR managing the Review portion of the assessment. The Project schedule was produced and approved in conjunction with FL FWC, and the assessment is currently underway. The Review Workshop (RW) will be held May 17-19, 2016.

#### **SEDAR 48 Florida Black Grouper, Benchmark Review**

**SEDAR Contact:** Julie Neer

**Summary:** Florida FWC will be the lead assessment team for this assessment, with SEDAR managing the Review portion of the assessment. The Review Workshop (RW) was originally scheduled for November 2016, however due to staffing issues at FWC, they have indicated that the assessment needs to be postponed. They now plan to have the assessment complete in Spring 2017. The South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Councils will need to review the revised schedule and RW Terms of Reference and make appointments for SSC participation once they are available.

#### **SEDAR 49 Gulf of Mexico Data-limited Species, Benchmark of 8 stocks**

Species to consider: Red Drum, Lane Snapper, Wenchman, Yellowmouth Grouper, Speckled Hind, Snowy Grouper, Almaco Jack, Lesser Amberjack

**SEDAR Contact:** Julie Neer

**Summary:** A data scoping call was held in March 2016, and a Data Webinar was held in April 2016. The Data Workshop will be held 2-6 May 2016 in New Orleans. Assessment webinars will be held June through August 2016, and the Review Workshop is to be held November 1-3, 2016 in Miami.

#### **HMS Dusky Shark, Update**

**SEDAR Contact:** Julie Neer

**Summary:** The bulk of the data for this assessment has been received and the analysts are working on the assessment. The assessment should be completed by July 2016.

#### **Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack, Update**

**SEDAR Contact:** Julie Neer

**Summary:** The Terms of Reference are to be reviewed by the Gulf SSC at their June 2016 meeting. The data deadline was set for 31 August 2016, and the assessment is scheduled to be completed by February 2017.

#### Gulf of Mexico Gag, Update

**SEDAR Contact:** Julie Neer

**Summary:** The Terms of Reference are to be reviewed by the Gulf SSC at their June 2016 meeting. The data deadline was set for 15 July 2016, and the assessment is scheduled to be completed by January 2017.

#### South Atlantic Red Grouper, Update

**SEDAR Contact:** Julia Byrd

**Summary:** South Atlantic Red Grouper is scheduled as an update assessment with a data deadline in late August 2016 and scheduled for completion in January 2017. The South Atlantic SSC will be revisiting the Terms of Reference at their May 2016 meeting and will be discussing whether or not to recommend changing this assessment to a Standard in order to include the SERFS video index.

### **Upcoming Projects – Planning Underway**

#### **2 projects addressing 2 stocks and 1 special topics workshop**

#### SEDAR 50 South Atlantic Blueline Tilefish, Benchmark

**SEDAR Contact:** Julia Byrd

**Summary:** SEDAR 50 will be a joint assessment with the Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils with SEDAR/SEFSC/SAFMC having lead. A Stock ID work group meeting will be held June 28-30, 2016 in Raleigh, NC. The Data Workshop is planned for October 24-28, 2016 in Charleston, SC; the Assessment Process is planned to be a series of webinars from February to April 2017; the Review Workshop is planned for May 23-25, 2017 location TBD.

#### Stock ID and Meristics Procedural Workshop

**SEDAR Contact:** Julia Byrd

**Summary:** Planning is starting to get underway for the Stock ID and Meristics Procedural Workshop. This workshop was originally discussed as a Stock ID Workshop for lane snapper, gray snapper, and scamp. However, recommendations from the SEDAR Data Best Practice 2015 Workshop recommended changing it to a broader workshop to encompass Stock ID and Meristics for multiple species. The SEDAR Data Best Practices Standing Panel has recommended delaying

this workshop from 2016 to 2017 to allow more preparation time in order to address a larger group of species. Workshop Organizing Committee members are being finalized and will meet in the near future to start the planning process.

A separate workshop/process will be held to address Gulf of Mexico gray snapper in time for the assessment scheduled to begin in early 2017. Planning for this effort will begin shortly.

### SEDAR 51 Gulf of Mexico Gray Snapper, Benchmark

**SEDAR Contact:** Julie Neer

**Summary:** A detailed project schedule has yet to be constructed but the general timing of data deadlines and workshops is as follows:

Raw Life History and Length Comp Data Deadline: 30 January 2017

Landings Data Deadline: 3 April 2017

DW: April 24-28, 2017 - Tampa/St. Pete (tentative)

Assessment webinars: June- September

RW: November 14-16, 2017 – Miami, FL

This project may need to be delayed if the Stock ID workshop that will discuss gray snapper is not completed prior to the Life History data deadline of January 30, 2017.