

**FINAL**  
**SUMMARY REPORT**  
**SEDAR COMMITTEE**  
**SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**Jekyll Island, GA**  
**March 7, 2018**

The Committee approved minutes from the December 2017 meeting and the agenda for this meeting.

**Assessment Projects update**

Council staff provided an update of SEDAR projects that are underway. Assessments of Black Sea Bass and Vermilion Snapper will be reviewed by the SSC in May.

**SAFMC SEDAR Committee**

Council staff gave a presentation on the SEDAR process and the role of the SAFMC SEDAR Committee.

**SEFSC SEDAR Improvements – Other Business**

Dr. Cisco Werner, acting Director for the SEFSC, gave a presentation on approaches for increasing assessment productivity. This included implementing the Research Track – Operational Assessment framework and providing interim analyses of assessed stocks. The SSC will review an example interim analysis at its May meeting. The Committee supports efforts to increase productivity.

**SEDAR Steering Committee Guidance**

The Committee provided the following guidance for the SAFMC SEDAR Steering Committee representatives:

- Request addressing Red Grouper through the first MRIP revision assessment.
- Conduct the next King Mackerel assessment as a standard assessment.
- Request that the SEFSC provide guidance on stocks to consider for a first benchmark assessment in 2023 and 2024, considering the priority stocks based on the prioritization tool and Wreckfish.

No Motions were made.