

**FINAL  
SUMMARY REPORT  
SEDAR COMMITTEE MEETING  
Atlantic Beach, NC  
December 6, 2016**

The SEDAR Committee made appointments for SEDAR 50, Blueline Tilefish; SEDAR 48, Black Grouper; and SEDAR 56, Black Sea Bass, during closed session.

Terms of Reference and project schedules for SEDAR 48 and SEDAR 56 were approved, with the Committee supporting modifications to the SEDAR 48 Terms of Reference approved by the Gulf Council. During consideration of the SEDAR 56 TORs, the Committee advised that future TORs, particularly those for proposed update stock assessments, specify the model configuration changes that are necessary to bring the assessment model package up to date. The Committee modified the SEDAR 56 TORs to improve documentation and evaluation of model changes.

The Committee was updated on further development to resolve stock ID for SEDAR 50, Blueline Tilefish. After considering recommendations of the Stock ID workgroup and a joint SSC review panel, Council and NMFS leadership representatives recommended defining the southern boundary of the unit stock at the Gulf and South Atlantic Council boundary. There was considerable discussion of the management and science consequences of this recommendation as well as the impacts to the approved assessment schedule that are likely if resolution of this issue is further delayed. The committee recommended that the SEDAR Steering Committee further discuss the process for defining unit stocks and clearly define the role of science and management groups. Additional discussion of the stock definition was recommended for the Council Session.

In other updates, the Committee was informed that the stock unit recommendation for Gulf of Mexico Gray Snapper will include all of Monroe County. There was discussion of the MRIP effort survey changes, and members were advised that the resultant catch changes will likely be considerable. The assessment schedule through 2020, approved by the SEDAR Steering Committee in September 2016, was reviewed.

The SSC's application of the NMFS stock assessment prioritization tool was reviewed. Results were compared to the existing Council priorities and assessment schedule. Clarification was provided that the tool provides an additional source of information for the Council to consider when establishing priorities but does not, in and of itself, establish the Council's priorities. Given the tool is recognized as a work in progress, the Committee supported updating it every other year when the Council reviews its prioritized research plan and including Advisory Panels in the update process. The Committee requested time at the next meeting to review the prioritization tool and scores and requested that the SSC be asked to comment on the long term assessment planning discussion topics at its next meeting.

**MOTIONS**

**MOTION #1:** Move to appoint Lee Lavery to the SEDAR 50 data panel.

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**MOTION #2:** Move to appoint Luiz Barbieri and Rob Ahrens to the SEDAR 50 assessment panel.

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**MOTION #3:** Move to appoint Anne Lange, George Sedberry, Jeff Buckel, Jimmy Hull, Beverly Sauls, and Joey Ballenger to the SEDAR 56 panel.

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**MOTION #4:** Move to appoint Yuri Vakselis, Daniel Zier (pending appointment to the SEDAR pool), Carolyn Belcher and Robert Ahrens to the SEDAR 48 data panel.

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**MOTION #5:** Move to appoint Robert Ahrens, Marcel Reichert, Eric Johnson and Alexi Sharov to the SEDAR 48 assessment panel.

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**MOTION #6:** Move to appoint Fred Serchuk and Amy Schueller to the SEDAR 48 review panel

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**MOTION #7:** Move to approve the schedule for SEDAR 48.

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**MOTION #8:** Move to approve the SEDAR 48, Black Grouper, terms of reference as modified by the Gulf Council.

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**MOTION #9:** Move to approve the SEDAR 56, Black Sea Bass, project schedule.

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**MOTION #10:** Modify the second bullet of SEDAR 56 TOR 2 to read: incorporate the latest BAM model configurations, and detail the changes made, and impacts of those changes, between the SEDAR 25 model and the proposed SEDAR 56 model.

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**MOTION #11:** Move to approve the SEDAR 56, Black Sea Bass terms of reference as modified.

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**MOTION #12:** Move to modify SEDAR 50 data workshop TOR 1 to state: define the unit stock for the SEDAR 50 stock assessment to include the entire US Atlantic seaboard, using the boundary between the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Councils as the southwestern boundary for the stock unit to assess.

And

Add an additional bullet item to SEDAR 50 assessment workshop TOR 6 to: consider exploratory models based on the Stock ID Workgroup and SSC Stock ID Review Panel recommendations to (1) characterize and describe the impact of the stock unit definition on risk and uncertainty, and (2) illustrate approaches for assigning productivity by existing council management units.

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Include an addendum to the TORs for SEDAR 50 stating the original DW TOR #1 and summarizing the recommendations of the stock id workgroup, ssc stock id review panel, and leadership group.

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