

**Species:**

Snowy Grouper

**Model and Additional Data Years:**

- Prior Assessment: South Atlantic Snowy Grouper SEDAR 36U
- Prior Terminal Year: 2018
- OA Terminal Year: 2022, adding 4 years of new data.
- Apply the current BAM configuration.

**Requested Data Updates (Please be as specific as possible):**

- Include any new and updated information on life history, discard mortality, and steepness.

**Requested Model Modification to previously approved assessment (Please be as specific as possible):**

- Separate landings and discards into different data streams due to potential change in discard mortality (current research at NCSU), which may result in a selectivity change due to the seasonal recreational fishery, low bag limit, and survivorship of some released fish when descending devices are used.

**Is a Topical Working Group Needed?** Yes

**If Yes, Topical Working Group Topics:**

- Topic 1: Methods to estimate landings of Snowy Grouper north of the South Atlantic region and consider for inclusion in assessment (species moving northward)

**Suggested Topical Working Group Process:**

Webinar held early during the assessment process but after the data scoping.

**APPROVED TIMING:**

- Assessment Species are approved at Spring SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting (ex. May 2020)
- Cooperators use their process to develop SoWs
- Initial Cooperator-approved SoWs submitted to SEFSC by October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- SEFSC provides feedback to Cooperators via memo no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021
- Cooperators/Technical review bodies review feedback and negotiate final SoWs with SEFSC
- Final SoWs provided to SEDAR Program Manager by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**Species:**

Tilefish

**Model and Additional Data Years:**

- Prior Assessment: South Atlantic Tilefish SEDAR 66
- Prior Terminal Year: 2018
- OA Terminal Year: 2022, adding 4 years of new data.
- Apply the current BAM configuration.

**Requested Data Updates (Please be as specific as possible):**

- Include any new and updated information on life history, discard mortality, and steepness.

**Requested Model Modification to previously approved assessment (Please be as specific as possible):**

- Modify the model to incorporate hermaphroditism identified in Lombardi-Carlson (2012).

**Is a Topical Working Group Needed?** No

**If Yes, Topical Working Group Topics:**

- No Topical Working Group needed.

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