



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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South Atlantic Selectivity Workgroup Statement of Work

At the March 2020 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and April 2020 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) meetings, a workgroup was requested to discuss the findings of a study on selectivity conducted by Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FL FWCC). Initial findings on selectivity for Red Snapper caught using traps, hook and line, and video reported at the October 2018 SSC Meeting indicated there was potential to provide information on selectivity for Vermilion Snapper and Black Sea Bass as well. Since 2018, the study has been finalized and ages are available to better inform age-based selectivity.

Although the study was reviewed by the SSC in October 2018, it could not be included in SEDAR 41 due to timing. The SSC recommended this study be included in the next stock assessment for Red Snapper. A workgroup will be convened to discuss the findings of the research and provide recommendations at the SEDAR 73 Data Workshop in December 2020.

Statement of Work

- Review the FL FWCC selectivity study and discuss pros and cons with the approach to describe selectivity among gears,
- Discuss which species have sufficient data to inform selectivity,
- Provide recommendations on appropriate methods to incorporate selectivity findings into SEDAR 73 and other stock assessments for species addressed in the study,
- Develop a report to justify the recommendations and discuss the findings of the workgroup.

Proposed Participants by Affiliation

Affiliation	Attendee Number
FLFWCC	3
SCDNR	2
SEFSC	3
Gulf Scientist	1
SSC	3
Council Staff	3
Council Members	?
Total	15
Council Travelers	12

Location: FWRI, St. Petersburg, FL

Meeting Length: One afternoon and one morning with potential follow-up webinars.