

SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting Brief February 4-5, 2025

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Attachment 3: SEDAR Participation in the Assessment Stage Discussion Document

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Attachment 6: Proposed Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Schedules

Attachment 7: Modifications to the Project Planning Grid from the July 2024 Steering Committee Summary

1 Introduction

1.1 Documents

- Agenda
- Attachment 1. July 2024 Draft Meeting Summary

1.2 Action

- Introduction
- Review and Approve Agenda
- Approve Meeting Summary

2 SEDAR Projects Report

2.1 Documents

Attachment 2. SEDAR Projects Update January 2025

2.2 Summary

The projects report (Attachment 2) provides a summary of current and recently completed SEDAR assessment projects.

Highlighted project developments:

SEDAR 77OA HMS Hammerhead Sharks

SEDAR Contact: Julie A. Neer

Summary: The Operational Assessment to SEDAR 77 was slated to be completed in December 2024. It has not been completed as of this writing but should be finalized and released by February 2025.

SEDAR 84 Caribbean Yellowtail Snapper (Puerto Rico & St. Thomas/St. John) and Stoplight Parrotfish (St. Croix) Benchmark

SEDAR contact: Julie A Neer/Emily Ott

Summary: A Data Workshop was held in January 2024, and the Data Workshop reports should be available soon. Assessment webinars were held April – October 2024. The Review Workshop was scheduled for February 2025 and has been postponed until summer 2025 to allow the analytic team time to expand on the report and potentially add to the review Terms of Reference to maximize the feedback from the review. The assessment should be completed in fall 2025.

2.3 Action

• Informational; none required

3 SEDAR Process Review and Discussion

3.1 Documents

Attachment 3: SEDAR Participation in the Assessment Stage Discussion Document Attachment 4: SEFSC Process Update Document

3.2 Summary

Role of SEDAR in the Assessment Process:

SEFSC Staff had several meetings with SEDAR Staff to discuss potential modifications to the assessment stage of the process. Potential options may include no SEDAR-run webinars, an SSC "check-in" component before the model is finalized, and a Cooperator appointed "assessment group" to be on call to provide feedback should questions arise in the development of the model.

Process Modification Updates & Recommendations from the SEFSC:

The SEFSC will provide an update on their discussions regarding proposed modifications to the SEDAR process.

3.3 Action

• Provide feedback on the possible changes to the SEDAR process.

4 Assessment Schedule Review

4.1 Documents

Attachment 5: SEDAR Projects List

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4.2 Summary

The SEFSC will provide draft long-term schedules for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Cooperators for discussion. Modifications to those schedules, along with the development of schedule for the remaining Cooperators, may be influenced by the discussions the Committee during the meeting.

4.3 Action

- Consider any needed modifications to the 2025 Projects
- Finalize the 2026 Projects Schedule
- Discuss Future Project Requests (2027-2029)

5 Other Business

5.1 Documents

None

5.2 Summary

• <u>Update on the SEFSC IRA Funding Received by the SEFSC:</u>

Chairman Porch will provide an update on the IRS funding that the SEFSC received and how it is being applied to help the science enterprise and data collection in the Southeast.

5.3 Action

• The Committee should discuss any issues and provide recommendations if needed.

6 Next Meeting

The Committee is asked to make scheduling recommendations and suggest topics for the next meeting. SEDAR Staff would suggest that the next meeting be held via webinar in July or August 2025.

Table 1: SEDAR Project Grid - February 2025 SEDAR Steering Committee Discussion Draft Table Color Legend: Steering Committee Approved and SEFSC Scheduled Projects **FUTURE Requests** Steering Committee Approved, PENDING SEFSC SCHEDULING Preliminary Projects - To Be Scheduled at the Ucoming Meeting SEDAR SCHEDULE OVERVIEW- February 2025 SEDAR Steering Committee Discussion Menhaden/ **Gulf Team HMS** Team **Florida FWCC** RW only South Atlantic Team **Caribbean Team** 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 5 6 2 1 2 1 2 Year 1 S92 Blueline S88 Red S770A S96 S84 Yellowtail Snapper (PR & Tilefish OA YTS OA Grouper OA S87 White, Pink, and Brown Hammerhead Sharks STT/STJ) and Stoplight S91 Shrimp Spiny Lobster (all islands) S90 Parrotfish (STX) Benchmark Benchmark 2025 Red Snappe Benchmark S102 ASMFC S98 S98 Benchmark Menhaden (RW) Red Snapper Red Snappe S101 S90 Benchmark Benchmark Grouper MSI Sandbar Red Snappel S99 King S94 Sharks Benchmark Mackerel Hogfish Dolphin MSE S100 Gray RW S95 Hogfish? (PR) and Red Hind Triggerfish Atlantic (USVI)? 2026 Migratory Red Grouper Gag Grouper **Bull Sharks** Cobia Benchmark Gag Groupe Greater **GSMFC Menhaden** SA King Amberjack Tilefish Snowy Mackerel Vermilion BSB Gray Snappe 2027 Complex? ASMFC Menhaden Greater Spanish Red Porgy Vermillion 2028 Amberjack Mackerel Cobia, Lane, Spanish 2029 Scamp 2030 2031 Timing of projects shown in this table is approximate and is intended for SEDAR Steering Committee workload planning purposes only. Please consult individual project schedules for specific start and end dates.