

SEDAR 90 Red Snapper Benchmark Terms of Reference

Most items would carry over from the Research Track Terms of Reference (SEDAR A1a). Because the Research Track Assessment does not provide management advice, additional terms of reference are needed for Benchmark Assessment Terms of Reference to review the stock status, reference points and benchmarks, and projections. Below is a list of items that would need to be added into the Terms of Reference:

- Data:
 - Ensure the terminal year is appropriate for all data sets
- Assessment Stage:
 - Stock Status
 - Biological reference points/Management benchmarks
 - Projection methodology
- Review:
 - Is overfishing occurring?
 - Is the stock overfished?
 - Projection methodology appropriate?

The SSC would need to review these terms of reference at their April 2024 meeting. The revised terms of reference for a benchmark assessment would be provided to the Council for review in June 2024.