



SEDAR

SouthEast Data, Assessment, and Review <https://sedarweb.org/>

SEDAR Cooperators

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Federal

Oversee the Regional Fishery Management Councils

National Marine Fishery Service (NMFS)

Southeast Regional Office (SERO)

Highly Migratory Species (HMS)

Southeast Fishery Science Center (SEFSC)

Council

Regional Fishery Management Councils governed by the Magnuson Stevens Act

Gulf Council

Jurisdiction: federal waters ranging from 9 to 200 miles off the entire gulf coast for reef fish and 3 to 200 miles off the coast of the orange highlighted states for non-reef fish



South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC)

Jurisdiction: federal waters ranging from 3 to 200 miles off the coast of the highlighted state



Caribbean Fishery Management Council (CFMC)

Jurisdiction: federal waters ranging from 3 to 200 miles off the coast of the orange highlighted territory and 9 to 200 miles off the coast of the blue highlighted territory



State

Gulf States Marine Fishery Commission (GSMFC)

Jurisdiction: state waters up to 9 miles off the entire gulf coast for reef fish and up to 3 miles off the coast of the orange highlighted states for non-reef fish



Atlantic States Marine Fishery Commission (ASMFC)

Jurisdiction: state waters up to 3 miles off the coast of the highlighted state



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC)

Jurisdiction: state waters up to 3 miles off the Atlantic coast and state waters up to 9 miles off the gulf coast





General SEDAR Process

(All SEDAR meetings are open to the public)

Data Stage

Purpose: Produce analytical products, identify suitable data streams and recommend data used in the assessment. Ensure Data terms of reference have been addressed.

Components can include stock ID, data scoping, data webinars, topical working groups, data workshop and post data workshop webinars.

Participants: Agency Scientists, Academics, Data Experts, Stakeholders

Assessment Stage

Purpose: Evaluate multiple model classifications and configurations and determine best fitting model to develop management advice. Ensure Assessment terms of reference have been addressed.

Components can include assessment webinars, topical working groups, or agency-led internal assessment development

Participants: Agency Scientists, Academics, Technical Experts, Stakeholder Observers

Review Stage

Purpose: Independent peer review of base model. Ensure Review terms of reference have been addressed.

Components can include Review Workshop or desk review.

Participants: Independent Reviewers, Technical Body Member (SSC), Stakeholder Observers

Post SEDAR

Science and Statistical Committee (SSC)

Determine if the assessment is consistent with Best Scientific Information Available. Make fishing level recommendations such as Annual Catch Limit (ACL) and Overfishing Limit (OFL) when appropriate.

Management Body

Use the recommended ACL and OFL from the SSC to develop management actions including amendments when appropriate.

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Topical Working Group versus Technical Team

Topical Working Group



Participants

Comprised of members of the SSC, stakeholders, and other technical experts.



Purpose

Small working groups assembled to discuss specific topics identified in the terms of reference for a given assessment.



SEDAR involvement

Coordinated by SEDAR. All webinars must be noticed in the federal register. Topical Working Group discussions must be documented.



Public Access

Topical Working Groups are a public process. The public is welcome to observe the process via webinar.



Participants

Comprised of stakeholders with diverse scientific expertise and fishing experience.



Purpose

Either a standing or specific team assembled to provide feedback on model development during any stage of the assessment.



SEDAR involvement

No SEDAR involvement. Webinars do not need to be noticed in the federal register and can be organized at any time.



Public Access

Technical Team meetings are not open to the public.

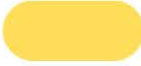
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Figure 1: Schematic of the proposed SEDAR process changes as recommended by the SEDAR Steering Committee at their February 2025 meeting.

1a: Process for Fishery Management Councils and Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission

1b: Process for Highly Migratory Species and the Fishery Commissions

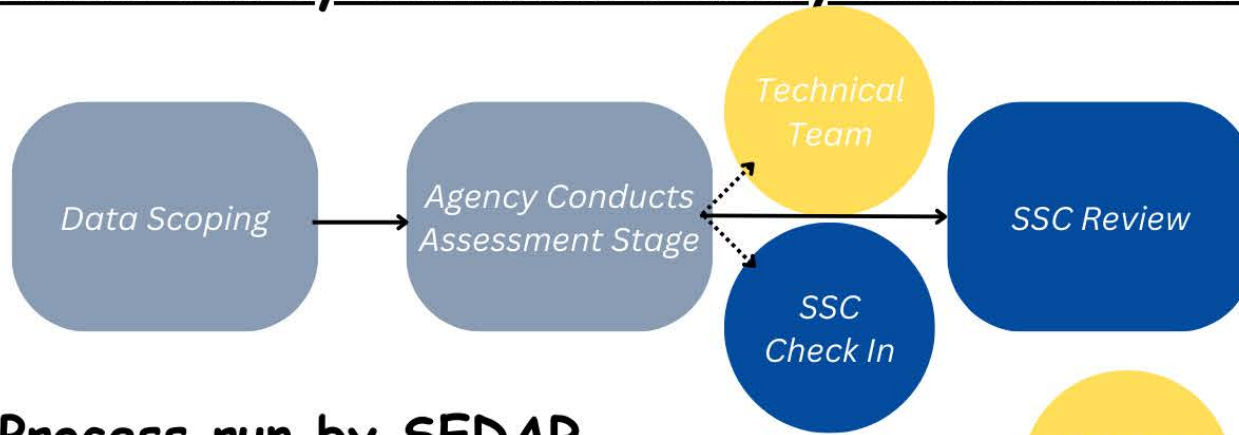
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Lead Analytic Agency	
Cooperator Appointed Technical Team*	
Cooperator	
Commissions	

 *While the lead analytic agency is responsible for developing the candidate assessment model, they may reach out to the Cooperator Appointed Technical Team during this phase. The Technical Team would have relevant scientific expertise and fishing experience to answer questions and provide feedback as needed.

SEDAR Process for Fishery Management Councils & FL FWC

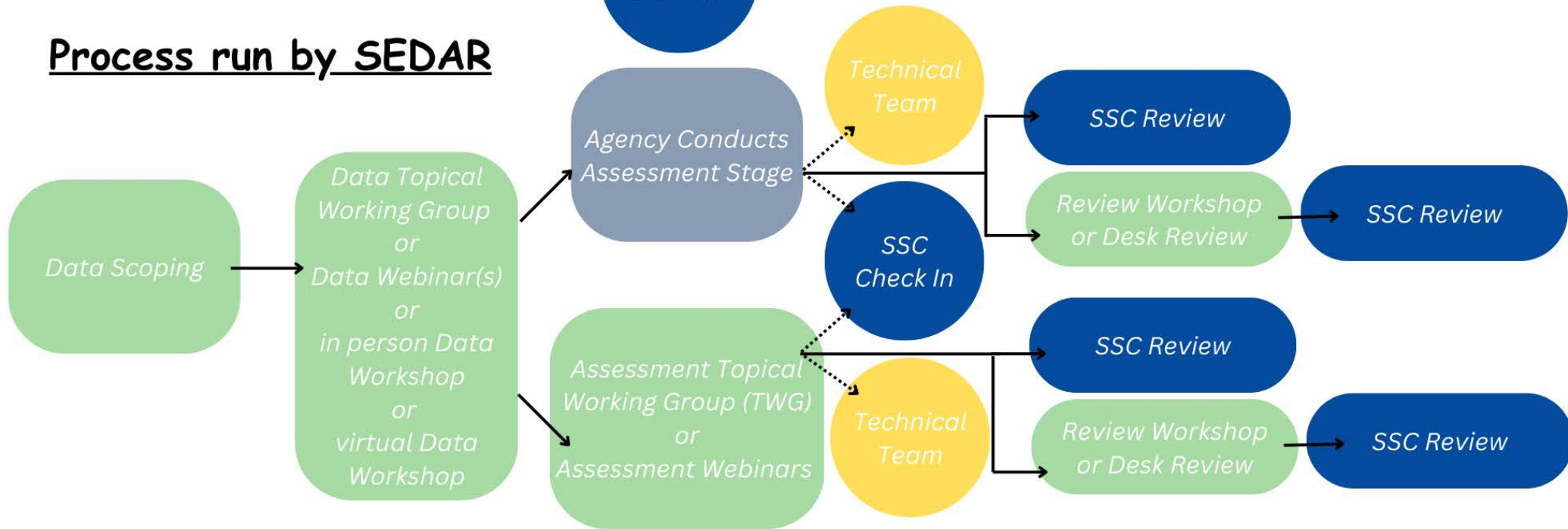
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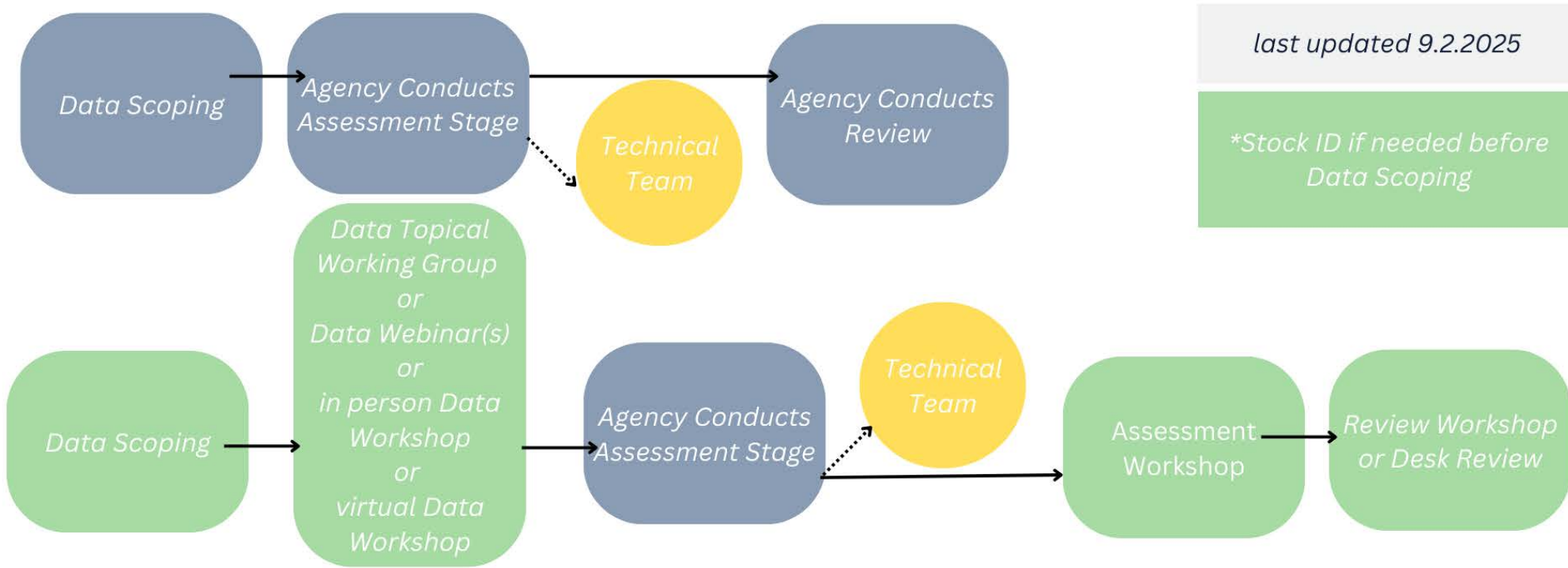
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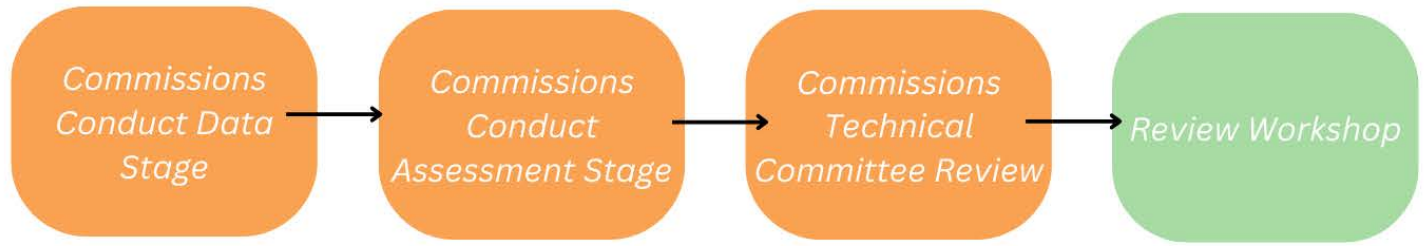


SEDAR Process for Highly Migratory Species and the Commissions

Highly Migratory Species



Gulf and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commissions



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