

SEDAR Scope and Name Change

SEDAR Committee

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[SEDAR scope and name change \(Mar 2025\)](#)

At the December 2024 SEDAR Committee meeting, several processes that could inform catch levels were discussed, including SEDAR Assessments, management strategy evaluation (MSE), management procedures (MP), harvest control rules (HCR), and update models (UM), which could be an assessment update, updated projection, interim assessment, or management procedure. At the March 2025 SEDAR Committee meeting, the Committee revised the charge to encompass the review of schedules and terms of reference for various methods to develop catch advice or assess stocks. The Committee added data collection to the charge, which will benefit discussions related to data collection, such as the Standard Bycatch Reporting Methodology review. The Committee considered various name change alternatives but concluded without suggesting a final option.

Naming Options

The new committee's name should reference the expanded processes and tools that could be used to set catch levels while recognizing that this group would not be receiving presentations on the actual catch levels. SEDAR Committee was sufficient in the past because the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review covered all aspects of the stock assessment process. However, SEDAR is not currently being used for management strategy evaluation (except Review Panel for Dolphin MSE and Black Grouper MSE), management procedures, or harvest control rules. Additionally, it would be beneficial to consider adding aspects of the previous Data Collection Committee (DCC) into the title.

Staff developed a few options for the Committee to consider:

- Stock Assessment Planning and Process Committee
- Assessment Planning and Process Committee
- Catch Advice Planning and Process Committee
- SEDAR and Catch Advice Planning and Process Committee
- Data Collection and Assessment Planning and Process Committee
- **Data, Assessment, and Catch Advice Committee**
- SEDAR, Catch Advice, and Data

Other words to describe the process included: development, methods, operations, planning, procedure, and scheduling.