



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

SEDAR Committee

Town & Country Inn and Suites
2008 Savannah Highway
Charleston, SC 29407

Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes (March 2024)

1. SEDAR Steering Committee Update (*Attachments 1a-1c*)
 - a. Overview – Chip Collier
 - b. **Committee Action:** None.
2. SEDAR Process Changes and Identifying Key Stocks (*Attachments 2a and 2b*)
 - a. Overview – Chip Collier
 - b. **Committee Action:** Discuss key stocks for South Atlantic assessments and provide recommendations for key stocks and timeframe for updates.
3. Species Selected for 2026 Stock Assessments (*Attachment 3*)
 - a. Overview – Chip Collier
 - b. **Committee Action:** Review 2026 assessments and comment on impacts for future assessments.
4. Other Business

Adjourn

Committee Members:

Dr. Carolyn Belcher, Chair

Trish Murphey, Vice-chair

Robert Beal

Amy Dukes

Tim Griner

Jimmy Hull

Kerry Marhefka

Jessica McCawley

Charlie Phillips

Andy Strelcheck

Attachments:

Attachment 1a: SEDAR Steering Committee (STC) March 2024 Meeting Summary

Attachment 1b: STC May 2024 Meeting Summary

Attachment 1c: STC July 2024 Meeting Overview

Attachment 2a: SEDAR Process and Identifying Key Stocks

Attachment 2b: SEFSC Response to SAFMC Requests from June 2024 Council Meeting

Attachment 3: Species for 2026 Stock Assessment

Staff Lead: Chip Collier (chip.collier@safmc.net)

OVERVIEW

SEDAR Committee

The Committee will approve the minutes from the March 2024 meeting and the agenda for the September 2024 Committee meeting.

1. SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting Update (*Attachments 1a-1c*)

Description: The SEDAR Steering Committee met in March, May, and July of 2024 to discuss a variety of topics. Staff will provide an update on the meetings and information discussed.

Committee Action: None.

2. SEDAR Process Changes and Identifying Key Stocks (*Attachments 2a and 2b*)

Description: The SEDAR Steering Committee is discussing changes to the SEFSC assessments conducted through SEDAR. The revised process should provide more net information and should be more flexible. The SEFSC has proposed 14 stocks that can have updated assessments every six years. Staff will provide an update on the changes to the SEDAR process and go through potential species for key stocks. Due to the limited number of stocks that can be assessed, the Committee is asked to consider the idea of keys stocks and which stocks should be considered.

Committee Action: Discuss key stocks for South Atlantic assessments and provide recommendations for key stocks and timeframe for updates.

3. Species Selected for 2026 Stock Assessments (*Attachment 3*)

Description: The Council provided several stocks to be considered for assessments in 2026. Due to shifting of King Mackerel Assessment to Beaufort Lab and Red Snapper requiring two analysts, the 2026 SEDAR assessments for the South Atlantic will be filled by continuing Red Snapper, Gag, and Red Grouper. Staff will provide an overview of the changes and describe how other species will be moved to accommodate the changes in 2026.

Committee Action: Review 2026 assessments and comment on impacts for future assessments.

Other Business