



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

SEDAR Committee
Lumina Holiday Inn
1706 N. Lumina Avenue
Wrightsville Beach, NC

Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM (Times are subject to change)

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of minutes (September 2024)

1. Change in SEDAR Process (***SSC Report; Attachment 1***)
 - a. Overview – Chip Collier
 - b. Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Recommendations – Marcel Reichert, SSC Chair
 - c. **Committee Action:** Provide guidance on process changes to SEDAR.
2. Key Stocks (***Attachment 2***)
 - a. Overview – Chip Collier
 - b. SSC Recommendations – Marcel Reichert, SSC Chair
 - c. **Committee Action:** Provide recommendations for key stocks and preferred timeframe for assessments.

Other Business

Adjourn

Committee Members

Trish Murphey, Chair
Jessica McCawley, Vice Chair
Robert Beal
Dr. Carolyn Belcher
Amy Dukes
Tim Griner
Jimmy Hull
Kerry Marhefka

Charlie Phillips
Andy Strelcheck

Attachments:

Attachment 1: SEDAR Process

Attachment 2: Identifying Key Stocks

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

OVERVIEW

SEDAR Committee

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

1. Changes to the SEDAR Process (*SSC Report and Attachment 1*)

Description: The NOAA Fisheries Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) has proposed to change from the Research Track/Operational Assessment Process to a new process where different components for an assessment can be requested by a cooperator (Council). Research track assessments have already been removed due to the time commitment and the product not resulting in management advice. The proposed process would be more flexible and allow tailoring of the assessment type to the species or stock being assessed. The Scientific and Statistical Committee, the review body for the assessment, discussed the process changes at their October 2024 meeting. Council staff will update the Committee on the changes to the process, how decisions will be made, and potential impacts on the number of assessments.

Committee Action: Provide guidance on which process best suites the SAFMC for discussion at the SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting in February 2025.

2. Identifying Key Stocks (*Attachment 2*)

Description: The SEFSC drafted a strawman of 14 stocks that could be updated on a regular basis (6 years with an update model at approximately 3 years). Staff will go through potential key stock species, describe available information, and frequency of assessments depending on number of assessments and stock status. Due to the limited number of stocks that can be assessed, the Committee is asked to identify keys stocks and frequency these stocks should be assessed. Committee suggestions will be provided to the SEDAR Steering Committee at their February 2025 meeting.

Committee Action: Provide recommendations for key stocks and preferred timeframe for assessments.

Other Business

Adjourn