

FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT
SEDAR COMMITTEE
SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
June 10, 2020

The Committee approved minutes from the December 2019 meeting and agenda.

SEDAR ACTIVITIES UPDATE

The Committee was provided an overview of ongoing assessment projects.

SEDAR STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Committee was provided an update from the May 2020 SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting.

SEDAR APPROVALS

The Committee discussed the Terms of Reference for the Red Snapper operational assessment (SEDAR 73). There was some concern with completing the stock assessment by April 2021 (SSC Meeting) with a proposed description of the model review listed in the Terms of Reference. The Terms of Reference were modified to ensure the SEDAR 73 would be available for review in April 2021 by the SSC. Outside of SEDAR, a separate selectivity workgroup will review the FWRI selectivity study to provide recommendation to SEDAR 73 and other South Atlantic stock assessments. The Committee discussed the statement of work for the meeting and recommended staff work with FWRI staff to develop the meeting. The Committee requested that the same SSC members attend the selectivity workshop and SEDAR. The Committee then discussed the Terms of Reference for Black Sea Bass and Vermilion Snapper assessments.

The Committee approved the following motions:

MOTIONS

MOTION #1: CONVENE A WORKING GROUP INCLUDING SSC REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET VIA WEBINAR OR IN-PERSON, AS NEEDED TO REVIEW MODEL DEVELOPMENT RELATIVE TO TERMS OF REFERENCE 1 THROUGH 4.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

TOR #5 as modified

Convene a working group including SSC representatives to meet via webinar or in-person, as needed to review model development relative to terms of reference 1 through 4.

Outside of SEDAR, hold a workshop to focus on the selectivity issues regarding the Chevron trap and video indices. A report will be produced and will be reviewed at SEDAR workshop in December 2020.

MOTION #2: APPROVE RED SNAPPER SEDAR 73 TERMS OF REFERENCE AS

MODIFIED.
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION #3: APPROVE THE SOUTH ATLANTIC SELECTIVITY WORKGROUP STATEMENT OF WORK
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION #4: APPROVE BLACK SEA BASS STOCK ASSESSMENT TERMS OF REFERENCE AS MODIFIED.
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

TOR #2 and 5 as modified

TOR #2

Evaluate and document the following specific changes in input data or deviations from the benchmark model.

- Include any newly available information on steepness for similar species.
- Include any new and updated information on discard mortality and life history.
- Calculate different F metrics (in addition to apical F) (to address shifts in the age of apical F towards the end of the assessment time series).
- Consider sensitivity analyses to address SSC concerns with selectivity differences between Chevron traps and cameras used to create the CVID index addressed at the selectivity workshop.

TOR #5

Convene a working group including SSC representatives to meet via webinar, as needed to review model development relative to terms of reference 1 through 4.

MOTION #5: APPROVE SOUTH ATLANTIC SPANISH MACKEREL TERMS OF REFERENCE AS MODIFIED.
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

TOR #2 and 5 as modified

TOR #2

Evaluate and document the following specific changes in input data or deviations from the benchmark model.

- Update growth and reproductive models if additional samples are available for fish below 275 mm
- If available, include any improved information on steepness for similar pelagic species.
- Evaluate data uncertainty with respect to the recreational landings
- Calculate different F metrics (in addition to apical F) (to address shifts in the age of apical F towards the end of the assessment time series).

TOR #5

Convene a working group including SSC representatives to meet via webinar, as needed to review model development relative to terms of reference 1 through 4.

Other Business:

No other business was brought before the committee.

Timing and Tasks:

MOTION #6: DIRECT STAFF TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TASK:

1. WORK WITH FWRI TO CONVENE A SELECTIVITY WORKGROUP IN THE FALL SO THAT THE REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE BY NOVEMBER 16, 2020 FOR SEDAR 73 AND OTHER UPCOMING SOUTH ATLANTIC STOCK ASSESSMENTS.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL