

FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT
SEDAR COMMITTEE
SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
September 15, 2020

The Committee approved minutes from the June 2020 meeting and agenda.

SEDAR ACTIVITIES UPDATE

The Committee was provided an overview of the research track and operational assessment process. The Committee wanted to ensure that public participation would still be part of the process.

STATEMENT OF WORK APPROVAL

The Committee was provided statements of work for 2023 assessments of Snowy Grouper and Tilefish. Currently assessments are ongoing for these two species and the Scientific and Statistical Committee requested time to revise the statements of work based on the findings of the assessment. The Committee requested the statements of work be brought back to Committee in March 2021 after review of the current Snowy Grouper assessment (SEDAR 36 Update). The Committee recognized the Tilefish assessment (SEDAR 66) would not be completed by then but statements of work need to be completed prior to the spring SEDAR Steering Committee.

STEERING COMMITTEE GUIDANCE

The Committee reviewed the current planning grid for SEDAR assessments and table of timing for completed and future assessments. The Committee recommended a Red Snapper Research Track Assessment as a high priority and Gray Triggerfish and Red Porgy as Operational Assessments.

The Committee did not make any motions.

Other Business:

No other business was brought before the committee.

Timing and Tasks:

DRAFT MOTION #1: DIRECT STAFF TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TASK:

1. PRESENT REVISED STATEMENTS OF WORK FOR THE 2023 ASSESSMENTS OF SNOWY GROUPER AND TILEFISH (GOLDEN) AT THE MARCH 2021 MEETING AFTER THE SSC HAS REVIEWED THE SNOWY GROUPER ASSESSMENT (SEDAR 36 UPDATE).

APPROVED BY COUNCIL