

**FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT
SEDAR COMMITTEE MEETING
Myrtle Beach, SC
September 13, 2016**

The SEDAR Committee received updates on SEDAR projects and considered guidance for the next SEDAR Steering Committee meeting.

Regarding SEDAR 50, Blueline Tilefish, the committee was informed that the recent age workshop concluded that reliable ages could not be assigned to structures at this time. The project will proceed as scheduled, with a January 2017 Data Workshop and SSC review in October 2017.

Erik Williams provided a presentation on the research track proposal via webinar. The Committee supports moving ahead with the research track pilot planned for the 2018 scamp assessment. Efforts to increase assessment productivity are supported and encouraged, as long as opportunities for adequate public involvement and data evaluation are retained. Clarification was provided that the research track process applies to assessments conducted through the Center, and not to those conducted by other Cooperators (such as the Commissions and state agencies) and reviewed by SEDAR.

The Committee supported the assessment priorities approved at the prior meeting, and requested conducting the next assessment of Tilefish sooner if an opening arises earlier in 2019.

No motions were made by the Committee.

Council Motions:

MOTION #1: move to delay Cobia until 2019 data can be included, and prioritize Gag for 2018.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL