

**FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT
SEDAR COMMITTEE MEETING
SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Charleston, SC
September 26, 2017**

1. SSC Report on the Research Track Process

SAFMC SSC Chair Dr. Marcel Reichert provided a summary of the SSC's webinar meeting held on September 5, 2017. The SSC supported the research track process in concept, but raised concerns with the lack of details on how it would be implemented. The SSC recommended considering a pilot application to better develop the approach. The Committee recommended supporting a pilot application to Scamp, noted that CIE review is important and should be retained, and advised that assessment projects cannot proceed indefinitely.

2. Joint SAFMC-GMFC Workshop

Reasons the joint workshop was cancelled were reviewed. The Committee noted that the need for alternative estimation methods remain, and expressed disappointment that approaches presented previously are not considered acceptable. There is frustration with the ongoing lack of resources for, and attention to, issues that are critical to the Council.

3. Guidance to the SEDAR Steering Committee

The Committee provided guidance on SAFMC assessment priorities for consideration at the next SEDAR Steering Committee.

MOTIONS

MOTION #1: MOVE TO MODIFY ASSESSMENT PRIORITIES AS FOLLOWS:

- MOVE RED GROUPER TO 2021 (STANDARD)
- ADD BLACK SEA BASS IN 2021 (UPDATE)
- CONDUCT SPANISH MACKEREL AS A STANDARD (2020)
- MOVE WHITE GRUNT TO 2022 (BENCHMARK)

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TIMING AND TASKS

MOTION #2: MOVE TO:

- 1) REQUEST THE SEFSC DEVELOP A PLAN FOR UPDATING THE WRECKFISH ASSESSMENT AND REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL IN DECEMBER 2017. IN THE EVENT THERE ARE IMPEDIMENTS TO UPDATING THE EXISTING ASSESSMENT, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES THAT COULD BE USED TO PROVIDE THE COUNCIL

INFORMATION ON STOCK STATUS, AND THE SSC INFORMATION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATED ABC RECOMMENDATION.

- 2) REQUEST THAT THE SSC DOCUMENT THE SPECIFIC CHANGES TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE NEXT GOLDEN TILEFISH ASSESSMENT THAT JUSTIFY THE STANDARD CATEGORY, AND CONSIDER WHETHER AN UPDATE WOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR SNOWY GROUPEL.

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