

**FINAL**  
**SUMMARY REPORT**  
**SEDAR COMMITTEE**  
**SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**September 18th, 2025**

The Committee approved the agenda for the September 2025 meeting and minutes from March 2025.

**SEDAR Steering Committee Updates**

Due to limited time, the Council staff did not go over the SEDAR Steering Committee reports from February and August 2025.

**SEDAR Process Changes**

Council staff presented recent process changes to SEDAR. These changes include the addition of Technical Teams, optional SSC check-ins, continued use of Topical Working Groups, and distinct pathways for assessments led by the analytical agency versus those led through SEDAR. The Committee discussed the changes, clarified the differences between Topical Working Groups and Technical Teams, and reviewed the revised assessment process. NOAA General Counsel will conduct further review of the approach to ensure the changes are consistent with the MSA and provide guidance to the SEDAR Steering Committee.

**Statements of Work for Upcoming Assessments**

Council staff presented draft statements of work for Spanish Mackerel, Greater Amberjack, and Red Porgy. These statements will be sent to NOAA Fisheries to begin negotiations on the type of assessment that can be conducted. The Committee recommended a virtual data workshop for the Spanish Mackerel assessment to ensure coordination with NOAA Fisheries in both the Southeast and Greater Atlantic regions. For Greater Amberjack, the Committee requested a data workshop, a topical working group, and technical team to aid in the incorporation of the findings from the Greater Amberjack Research Program. For Red Porgy, the Committee requested inclusion of topical working groups to address natural mortality and landings in the Mid-Atlantic region. The Committee made the following motion:

**MOTION 1: APPROVE STATEMENTS OF WORK FOR SPANISH MACKEREL, GREATER AMBERJACK, AND RED PORGY WITH SUGGESTED EDITS.**

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**Review of species selected for 2025-2029 assessments**

Council staff updated the Committee on SEDAR projects and other assessment-related efforts in the region. Following the update, the Committee considered priorities for 2029 and recommended Scamp and Tilefishes (Blueline and Golden) for assessment that year.

**Timing and Tasks:**

**MOTION 2: DIRECT STAFF TO DO THE FOLLOWING:**

- Recruit members to fill the Assessment Technical Team to be nominated in December.

**APPROVED BY COUNCIL**