



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## AGENDA SEDAR Committee

DoubleTree by Hilton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront  
Atlantic Beach, NC

### PARTIALLY CLOSED

**Thursday, December 7, 2017 – 8:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. (Times subject to change)**

Approval of Agenda – Charlie Phillips

Approval of September 2017 Committee minutes – Charlie Phillips

1. Appointments (**Attachment 1**) **CLOSED SESSION**
  - a. Cobia Stock ID
  - b. Greater Amberjack & Red Porgy
2. SSC Report (**Attachment SSC**) – Dr. Marcel Reichert
3. Terms of Reference and Schedule Approvals (**Attachment 2**)
  - a. Overview – John Carmichael
  - b. Greater Amberjack & Red Porgy Approvals – Charlie Phillips
4. SEDAR Steering Committee (**Attachment 3**)
  - a. Overview – John Carmichael
  - b. Discuss and provide guidance – Charlie Phillips

Other Business – Charlie Phillips

Adjourn – Charlie Phillips

### Committee Members

Charlie Phillips, Chair  
Mark Brown, Vice-Chair  
Robert Beal  
Mel Bell  
Zack Bowen  
Roy Crabtree  
Michelle Duval  
Ben Hartig

**Attachments**

**Attachment 1:** SEDAR Appointments CLOSED DOCUMENT

**Attachment 2:** SEDAR Schedules and TORs

**Attachment 3:** SEDAR Steering Committee Draft Report

**Attachment SSC:** SSC Report

**Staff:** John Carmichael

# OVERVIEW

## SEDAR COMMITTEE

### Agenda Approval

#### Minutes Approval – September 2017

#### 1. SEDAR Assessment Appointments – (Attachment 1)

**Description:** The Council is requested to make appointments for the Cobia stock ID process and the standard stock assessments of Greater Amberjack and Red Porgy.

**Required Committee Action:** Make appointments.

#### 2. SSC Report – (Attachment SSC)

**Description:** The SSC met October 24-26 and discussed items related to SEDAR. Guidance was provided on schedules and Terms of Reference for Greater Amberjack and Red Porgy, and the type of assessment to request for upcoming priorities.

Summary SSC SEDAR Recommendations:

- Include in-person workshops for the standard assessments of Greater Amberjack and Red Porgy to ensure issues are fully vetted, particularly changes in recreational catch estimates.
- Supported delaying the 2018 Spring SSC meeting to address delays in the Vermilion Snapper assessment data delivery caused by Hurricane Irma.
- Supported conducting the next golden Tilefish assessment as a standard, to address:
  - changes in selectivity
  - differences in modeling techniques
  - perceived changes in recruitment since the last update
  - explore alternative, novel approaches to including fishery independent CPUE
- Recommended including an in-person workshop for golden Tilefish, and coordinating with the NEFSC assessment.
- Supported the prior recommendation to conduct the next assessment of Snowy Grouper as an update.
- Recommended conducting the next assessment of Spanish Mackerel as a standard, due to changes in the recreational catch time series.
- Recommended conducting the next assessment of Gag as a standard, due to changes in the recreational catch time series and species identification concerns raised in the recent Black Grouper assessment project.
- The SSC requested that the lead assessment agency provide recommendations on assessment approaches (update, standard, benchmark), and a listing of proposed changes under consideration, for review by the SSC when addressing assessment plans in the future.
- The SSC recommended including the following ToR for all future assessments: *Review, evaluate, and report on the status and progress of all research recommendations listed in the last assessment, peer review reports, and SSC report concerning this stock.*
- The SSC supported the long-term SAFMC assessment plan, based on the Key Stocks concept, as presented to this Committee in September 2017.

**Required Committee Action:** None

**3. Terms of Reference and Schedule Approvals – (Attachment 2)**

**Description:** The Committee is asked to review and approve schedules and Terms of Reference for Greater Amberjack and Red Porgy. SSC comments are included in the documents provided for approval.

**Required Committee Action:** Approve the schedules and Terms of Reference.

- Note the SSC recommended adding an in-person workshop to the Red Porgy and Greater Amberjack assessment plans. SEDAR typically budgets for 10 participants.
- Note that the ToR addition addressing status and progress on research recommendations is added to the Red Porgy and Greater Amberjack TORs.

**4. SEDAR Steering Committee Report – (Attachment 3)**

**Description:** The SEDAR Steering Committee met September 26, 2017. The next meeting will be in Spring 2018. Meeting activities highlighted here include the assessment project schedule and actions related to the next Scamp and Cobia assessments. Greater Amberjack and Red Porgy assessments planned for 2018 are expected to include the revised MRIP estimates that will be available by July 1, 2018.

SAFMC assessment projects approved by the SEDAR Steering Committee as of September 2017.

Plan Year	SEDAR #	Stocks	Approach	Terminal Data	Assessment Complete	Lead Agency
2017	55	Vermilion Snapper	Standard	2016	April 2018	SEFSC
	56	Black Sea Bass	Standard	2016	April 2018	SEFSC
2018	58	Atlantic Cobia	Benchmark	2017	Late 2019	SEFSC
	59	Greater Amberjack	Standard	2016	Dec 2018	SEFSC
	60	Red Porgy	Standard	2017	Mar 2019	SEFSC
	R	MRIP Revisions <sup>1</sup>	Revision	varies	TBD	SEFSC
	B	King Mackerel	Benchmark	TBD	TBD	SEFSC
2019	64	Yellowtail Snapper	Benchmark	TBD	Fall 2019	FL FWCC
	S	Snowy Grouper	Standard	TBD	TBD	SEFSC
	S	Golden Tilefish	Standard	TBD	TBD	SEFSC
	RT	Scamp, Gulf + SA	Research Track	2017	Mid-2020	SEFSC

1. MRIP Revisions: Red Grouper, Blueline Tilefish, Black Sea Bass, Vermilion Snapper

SAFMC future assessment priorities

YEAR	STOCK	TYPE
2020	Red Snapper	Benchmark
	Spanish Mackerel	Standard
	Gag	Standard
2021	Gray Triggerfish	Benchmark
	Black Sea Bass	Update
	Red Grouper	Standard
2022	White Grunt	Benchmark

**Scamp:** Recommended to continue as a pilot research track. The Steering Committee directed the SEFSC to develop a plan of work addressing the project schedule and TORs, and to convene a work group of cooperator representatives to review the plan of work prior to consideration and approval by the Gulf and South Atlantic Councils.

SAFMC SSC representatives to the review group: Luiz Barbieri and Rob Ahrens.

**Cobia:** The process for addressing stock ID was approved. It will consist of a Stock ID Workshop held in April 2018, an independent Stock ID Review Workshop in June 2018, followed by a joint Cooperator technical review via webinar (similar to the joint SSC webinar convened by SEDAR for Blueline Tilefish) and a Science and Management Leadership call, if necessary. The final stock ID resolution is scheduled to be complete by August 2018. Planning for the remaining stages for this assessment (Data, Assessment and Review) will get underway in early 2018. Appointments to the stock ID panels will be considered during the closed session.

**Required Committee Action:** Provide guidance as necessary.

## **Other Business**