



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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REVISED AGENDA

SEDAR Committee

Town & Country Inn
Charleston, SC

Tuesday, September 26, 2017 – 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. (Times subject to change)

Approval of Agenda – Michelle Duval

Approval of June 2017 Committee minutes – Dr. Michelle Duval

1. SSC Report on the Research Track Process (**Attachments 1a and 1b**)
 - a. Overview – Dr. Marcel Reichert/John Carmichael
 - b. Discuss and provide guidance – Dr. Michelle Duval
2. Joint SAFMC-GMFMC workshop (**Attachments 2a - 2c**)
 - a. Overview – John Carmichael
 - b. Discuss and provide guidance – Dr. Michelle Duval
3. Guidance to the SEDAR Steering Committee (**Attachments 3a and 3b**)
 - a. Overview – John Carmichael
 - b. Discuss and provide guidance – Dr. Michelle Duval

Other Business – Dr. Michelle Duval

Adjourn – Dr. Michelle Duval

Committee Members

Michelle Duval, Chair

Charlie Phillips, Vice-Chair

Mel Bell

Zack Bowen

Chester Brewer

Mark Brown

Robert Beal, ASMFC Representative

Chris Conklin

Attachments

Attachment 1a: Research Track Proposal, August 2017

Attachment 1b: SSC Report of September 5, 2017

Attachment 2a: Joint Workshop Organizing Committee Report

Attachment 2b: June 27, 2017 SAFMC Letter Stating MRIP Workshop Concerns

Attachment 2c: Response to June 27 SAFMC letter

Attachment 3a: SEDAR Projects Report

Attachment 3b: SAFMC Assessment Priorities

Staff: John Carmichael

OVERVIEW

SEDAR COMMITTEE

Agenda Approval

Minutes Approval – June 2017

1. SSC Report on the Research Track Process – (Attachments 1a and 1b)

Description: The Council requested a meeting of the SSC via webinar to review the SEDAR research track process. The SSC is scheduled to meet on September 5, 2017. The Committee will receive a preliminary report from that meeting from the SSC Chair. **Attachment 1a** is the revised research track proposal from the SEFSC, and **Attachment 1b** is a summary of SSC recommendations. The SEDAR Steering Committee will discuss the research track at the September 26-27, 2017 meeting.

Required Committee Action: Provide guidance on the research track process.

2. Joint SAFMC-GMFMC workshop (Attachments 2a – 2c)

Description: The Council supported convening a workshop of the SAFMC and GMFMC SSCs, including representatives from SEFSC, SERO, and MRIP, to develop recommendations for alternative MRIP estimation approaches to apply to stocks for which MRIP catch estimates have been characterized by outliers, unusual values, and high PSE values. The workshop, planned for November 2017, intended to build off alternative estimation approaches presented by MRIP to the SAFMC SSC in October 2015.

During the initial planning call of the workshop organizing committee, the group was informed that the methods presented to the SSC were preliminary and exploratory, and not available for use in developing catch estimates. Recommendations are summarized in the report from the organizing committee call (**Attachment 2a**). In response to the recommendations of the organizing committee, the Council chair sent a letter to MRIP expressing concerns with the inability to move ahead at this time with alternative estimation approaches (**Attachment 2b**). A response was received on August 14, 2017 (**Attachment 2c**). Because the goal of recommending approaches for use in developing alternative methods cannot be achieved during a November 2017 workshop, the workshop is cancelled pending further resolution by NMFS on appropriate alternative approaches.

Required Committee Action: Provide guidance.

3. Guidance to SEDAR Steering Committee (Attachments 3a and 3b)

Descriptions: The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet September 26-27, 2017, in North Charleston, SC, to discuss the research track, assessment project priorities for 2019 and preliminary projects for 2020-2022, and other SEDAR business. The SAFMC is represented by the Council chair and ED. The purpose of this item is to develop recommendations and guidance for the SAFMC representatives.

a. Status of Projects Underway – Attachment 3a

Attachment 3a, an overview of SAFMC SEDAR projects, will be reviewed and project changes discussed.

b. SAFMC Assessment Priorities – Attachment 3b.

The Committee is asked to review current assessment priorities and the results of the NMFS assessment prioritization tool to consider long term priorities. **Attachment 3b** provides an overview of past and present priorities and considerations for the timing of future projects. It also proposes an alternative approach, developed around providing regular information for key stocks, that may improve assessment scheduling and information available for management in the future.

c. Required Committee Action: Provide additional guidance for the SAFMC representatives at the September 2017 SEDAR Steering Committee meeting.

Ongoing Project Items

- Request adding Vermilion Snapper to MRIP revisions
- Change in Greater Amberjack terminal year to 2016

Future Priorities

- Confirm assessment request for 2019
- Recommend preliminary priorities for 2021 – 2022

Other Business

SAFMC SEDAR Projects

Plan Year	SEDAR #	Stocks	Approach	Terminal Data	Assessment Complete	Lead Agency
2017	50	Blueline Tilefish	Benchmark	2015	Sept 2017	SEFSC
	55	Vermilion Snapper	Standard	2016	April 2018	SEFSC
	56	Black Sea Bass	Standard	2016	April 2018	SEFSC
	48	Black Grouper	HALTED	--	--	FL FWCC
	U	Red Grouper	Update	2015	April 2017	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 ¹	Revision	vary	Late 2018	SEFSC
	B	King Mackerel	Benchmark	2016	Mid 2019	SEFSC
2019	B	Yellowtail Snapper	Benchmark	TBD	TBD	FL FWCC
	S	Snowy Grouper	Standard	2017	Late 2019	SEFSC
	S	golden Tilefish	Standard	2017	Late 2019	SEFSC
	58	Cobia (cont.)	Benchmark	2017	Late 2019	SEFSC
	RT	Scamp, Gulf + SA	Research Track	2016	Mid-2020	SEFSC

1. SAFMC MRIP Revision Stocks: Red Grouper, Blueline Tilefish, Black Sea Bass

SAFMC Future Priorities (as currently identified by the Council)

YEAR	STOCK
2020	Red Snapper
	Spanish Mackerel
	Red Grouper
	Gag
	Mutton (FWC)
2021	White Grunt
	Gray Triggerfish