



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA **SEDAR Committee** Webinar

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 - 9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

Approval of Agenda – Jessica McCawley

Approval of June 2020 Committee minutes – Jessica McCawley

- 1. Update on Research/Operational Assessment Process– (*Attachment 1*)**
 - a. Overview – Julie Neer
 - b. **Committee Action:** discuss as needed – Jessica McCawley
- 2. Statement of Work Approval – (*Attachments 2a-2d*)**
 - a. Overview of Statements of Work for 2023 Operational Assessments – Chip Collier
 - b. Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) recommendations – Genny Nesslage
 - c. **Committee Action:** Approve Statements of Work – Jessica McCawley
- 3. Steering Committee Guidance – (*Attachment 3*)**
 - a. Overview of SEDAR Project Planning Grid – Chip Collier
 - b. **Committee Action:** provide guidance for 2024 stock assessments – Jessica McCawley

Other Business

Adjourn

Committee Members

Jessica McCawley, Chair
Mel Bell, Vice-Chair
Robert Beal
Anna Beckwith

Carolyn Belcher
Kyle Christiansen
Roy Crabtree
Tim Griner
Steve Poland

Attachments:

Attachment 1: SEDAR Op Assessment Process Updates Sept 2020

Attachment 2a: Draft Statements of Work for 2023 Assessments for Snowy Grouper and golden Tilefish

Attachment 2b: SSC August Webinar Report

Attachment 2c: SSC Draft SoW for Snowy Grouper (late materials)

Attachment 2d: SSC Draft SoW for golden Tilefish (late materials)

Attachment 3: SEDAR Project Planning Grid

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OVERVIEW

SEDAR COMMITTEE

The Committee will approve the agenda for the September 2020 meeting and minutes from the June 2020 meeting.

1. Update on Research/Operational Assessment Process

Description: SEDAR Staff will review the current Operational Assessment process.

Operational Assessments will update a previous benchmark or research-track assessment with new data and minimal changes to the assessment unless there is a justified reason to modify the assessment methods or data inputs. Modifications to assessments can be requested by Cooperators through the statement of work. Some changes may require a topical working group to address specific issues identified for the stock assessment. Topical working groups may be comprised of SSC members, stakeholders, and other technical experts.

Required Committee Action: discuss as needed.

2. Statement of Work Approval for 2023 Operational Assessments

Description: Snowy Grouper and golden Tilefish are scheduled for operational assessments in 2023. The SSC had a special webinar to discuss the Snowy Grouper and golden Tilefish Statements of Work because statements of work need to be submitted to the Southeast Fisheries Science Center by October 15, 2020. Snowy Grouper and golden Tilefish are currently being assessed and the SSC requested a chance to add additional topics for consideration after the stock assessments have been completed.

Required Committee Action: Review and approve statements of work for 2023 assessments.

3. SEDAR Steering Committee Guidance

Description: Staff will provide an update on current SEDAR activities and request species for 2024 assessments. The SEDAR Steering Committee is meeting in October 2020 to begin scheduling stock assessments for 2024. A research track assessment is currently proposed for White Grunt, which has been on the SEDAR schedule for many years. There are two additional slots for operational assessments in 2024.

Required Committee Action: Recommend species for 2024 assessments and provide guidance on order of 2023 assessments (golden Tilefish and Snowy Grouper).

Other Business

Adjourn