

**SUMMARY REPORT
FROM THE SAFMC SEDAR COMMITTEE
Raleigh, NC
December 6, 2011**

The SAFMC SEDAR Committee met December 6th, 2011 at Raleigh, NC. The Committee discussed the following items:

1. SEDAR Activities Update

The Committee was updated on progress on SEDAR 25, South Atlantic black sea bass and tilefish, and SEDAR 28, cobia and Spanish Mackerel.

2. SEDAR Steering Committee Report

John Carmichael gave an overview of the October Steering Committee meeting.

3. Red Snapper Monitoring and Assessment

Dr. Theo Brainerd of the Southeast Fisheries Science Center gave a presentation on the SEFIS data collection program. The SEFSC indicated a South Atlantic red snapper benchmark could be conducted in 2013.

4. SEDAR Steering Committee Recommendations

The Committee recommended that a red snapper benchmark be added as the top priority for 2013 stock assessments. Other stocks requested for 2013 follow as currently listed. Care was advised in drafting Terms of Reference for red snapper to ensure a stock evaluation is provided even if a full benchmark should not succeed.

The Committee supported the SSC request for an evaluation of black sea bass in 2013 to provide guidance for ABC recommendations in 2014 and beyond. This could consist of an assessment update or revised projections reflecting actual landings during 2011 and 2012.

5. SEDAR 28 Approvals

The Committee recommended that Bill Parker be appointed to the SEDAR 28 data and assessment workshops.

MOTIONS

Move that Bill Parker be added to the list of participants for the SEDAR 28 data and assessment workshops. Approved