

**SUMMARY REPORT  
FROM THE SAFMC SEDAR COMMITTEE  
St Simons, GA  
March 8, 2011**

The SAFMC SEDAR Committee met March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at St. Simons, GA. 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. It was noted that, during scoping for SEDAR 25, no recreational fishermen were identified to participate in the data workshop. Members were asked to consider candidates to participate in the recreational workgroup of the data workshop and to address this issue during the Council session. The Committee directed that the TORs for the assessment be modified to evaluate an alternative rebuilding strategy for sea bass based on a fixed exploitation rate (i.e., Frebuild).

2. SEDAR Steering Committee Report

The Committee was briefed on the Steering Committee meeting of March 2, 2011.

Assessment schedule changes to address at the next meeting in May 2011 include treating the planned red porgy assessment as an update, requesting an update of vermilion for 2011, and delaying an update of greater amberjack until 2014.

The Committee discussed the challenges of obtaining reliable biomass and productivity measures for stocks which occur beyond the boundaries of the US EEZ, such as spiny lobster, dolphin, and wreckfish. The SEFSC was requested to provide guidance on assessment methods for such stocks and the prognosis for successful and informative assessments at the June meeting.

MOTIONS

MOTION: REPLACE THE GREATER AMBERJACK UPDATE IN 2012 WITH THE VERMILION SNAPPER UPDATE IN 2014; SWITCH VERMILION SNAPPER AND GREATER AMBERJACK IN THE SCHEDULE  
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

TIMING & TASK ITEMS

1. FULL COUNCIL – CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR BLACK SEA BASS (SEDAR 25) DATA WORKSHOP FROM RECREATIONAL SECTOR
  
2. JUNE AGENDA – SEFSC PRESENTATION ON ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT CRITERIA FOR SPECIES THAT SAFMC DOES NOT CONTROL ENTIRE STOCK