

FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT
SEDAR COMMITTEE
SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Jekyll Island, Georgia
March 7, 2022

The Committee approved minutes from the December 2021 meeting and requested discussion of the SEDAR Planning Grid under other business.

Terms of Reference for Yellowtail Snapper Interim Analysis

The Committee discussed the interim analysis for Yellowtail Snapper. The interim analysis will incorporate landings from 2018 to 2020 but will not update indices and age data due to limited time to conduct the analysis. This document included modifications recommended by the SSC. This includes an evaluation of the 2020 recreational landings which may have issues due to limited sampling that occurred in 2020. The committee recommended Attachment SEDAR_1a in late materials for this briefing book as the terms of reference for the interim analysis.

Golden Tilefish Statement of Work

The Committee was informed the NMFS did not have any changes to the statement of work for the 2024 Tilefish Operational Assessment and the version approved by the Council in December 2021 was the accepted version. Staff will start to develop terms of reference from the statement of work.

Other Business – SEDAR Planning Grid

The Committee discussed the SEDAR Planning Grid and a request to move up the assessment of Atlantic Group Cobia up from 2027 to 2025. The Committee was concerned about delaying an assessment of Cobia until 2027 due to the time between assessments. SAFMC species that were included in the planning grid for 2025 were Gag, King Mackerel, Red Porgy, and Snowy Grouper. The Committee decided it would be best to move Snowy Grouper back one year. This will result in removing the White Grunt Research Track from the planning grid. In addition to a Snowy Grouper Operational Assessment in 2026, the Committee recommended putting in a placeholder for a Dolphin Management Procedure Workshop. See proposed grid below

Note: Council staff drafts the timing and task motion based on Committee action. If points require clarification, they will be added to the draft motion. The Committee should review this wording carefully to be sure it accurately reflects their intent prior to making the motion.

Timing and Task(s)

There was not a timing and task motion made.

The SEDAR Planning Grid for the South Atlantic Team along with CMP/Shrimp and FWC based on the October 2021 SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting. Proposed changes to SEDAR Planning Grid are bolded in blocks below.

Year	1	2	3	4	CMP/Shrimp	FWC
2022	Scamp OA					Mutton Snapper Benchmark
2023	Vermilion Snapper OA	Gray Triggerfish RT	Black Sea Bass OA	Red Grouper OA		
2024	Red Snapper RT	Gray Triggerfish OA	Tilefish OA	Blueline Tilefish OA		Hogfish Benchmark
2025		Gag Grouper OA	Atlantic Cobia OA	Red Porgy OA	King Mackerel OA	Black Grouper Benchmark?
2026	Red Snapper OA	Greater Amberjack RT	Dolphin and ? Management Procedure	Snowy Grouper OA		
2027						