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AGENDA

SEDAR Committee

Villas by the Sea Resort,
1175 N. Beachview Drive,
Jekyll Island, GA 31527

Thursday, March 5, 2026 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes (September 2025)

September 2025 Committee Report
March 2025 Committee Report

1. SEDAR Steering Committee Report (***Attachments 1a, 1b***)
    a. Overview – Council Staff
    b. **Committee Action:** Provide guidance to the SAFMC Representatives on the SEDAR Steering Committee.
2. SEDAR Process Updates (***Attachments 2a-2c***)
    a. Overview – Council Staff
    b. **Committee Action:** None
3. Statement of Work and Terms of Reference for Upcoming Assessments (***Attachment 3***)
    a. Overview – Judd Curtis
    b. **Committee Action:** Approve Terms of Reference for upcoming scheduled assessments.
4. SEDAR Committee Scope and Name Change (***Attachment 4)***
    a. Overview – Judd Curtis
    b. **Committee Action:** Approve name change for the committee.
5. Other Business

Adjourn

Committee Members:
Trish Murphey, Chair
Jessica McCawley, Vice Chair

Robert Beal
Carolyn Belcher
Amy Dukes
Jimmy Hull
Kerry Marhefka
Charlie Phillips
Andy Strelcheck

Attachments:
Attachment 1a: SEDAR Steering Committee Overview, February 2026
Attachment 1b: SEDAR Steering Committee 2025 South Atlantic Government Shutdown Impacts
Attachment 2a: New SEDAR Infographic
Attachment 2b: South Atlantic Terms of Reference Development Timeline
Attachment 2c: Assessment Component Tracking Spreadsheet
Attachment 3: Statement of Work and Terms of Reference for upcoming stock assessments
Attachment 4: SEDAR Committee Scope and Name Change

Staff Lead: Judd Curtis (judd.curtis@safmc.net)

OVERVIEW
SEDAR Committee

The Committee will approve the minutes from September 2025 and the agenda for the March 2026 Committee meeting.

1. **SEDAR Steering Committee Report (*Attachments 1a-1b)***
   Description: The SEDAR Steering Committee (STC) convened in Charleston, SC, on February 11-12. The focus of this meeting was to review the SEDAR standard operating policies and procedures (SOPPs) and to revise the SEDAR Project Schedule based on available resources and impacts from the 2025 government shutdown. The meeting included a review of current projects, project status, and other administrative items. Staff will provide a brief overview of meeting outcomes.
   Committee Action: Provide guidance to the SAFMC Representatives on the SEDAR Steering Committee.

2. **SEDAR Process Updates (*Attachments 2a-2c*)**
   Description: Council staff will provide updates to the assessment process, updated assessment schedules, and display new visuals to aid in the SEDAR process. The new visuals include infographics detailing the stock assessment components offered to a cooperator (2a), an infographic detailing the terms of reference development timeline (2b), and a spreadsheet for tracking the status of assessment components (2c).
   Committee Action: None.

3. **Statement of Work and Terms of Reference for Upcoming Assessments (*Attachment 3*)**
   Description: The proposed SEDAR stock assessment schedule for South Atlantic species includes an update to Black Sea Bass in 2026 and Vermilion Snapper in 2027. Both assessments are updates being conducted internally by the Southeast Fishery Science Center. The SEDAR stock assessment schedule also includes the Dolphin MSE, King Mackerel, and Spanish Mackerel. Terms of Reference for these assessments were developed by Council staff and reviewed by the SSC during their October 2025 meeting and sent to the SEFSC for negotiations. The Council should review these terms of reference and request any changes before approval.
   Committee Action: Approve Terms of Reference for upcoming assessments and MSE.

4. **SEDAR Committee Scope and Name Change (*Attachment 4*)**
   Description: At the March 2025 SEDAR Committee meeting, the Committee revised the charge of the SEDAR Committee to encompass the review of schedules and terms of reference for various methods to develop catch advice or assess stocks. The Committee added data collection to the charge and discussed new name options for the Committee to reflect its re-envisioned role in the expanded process and tools that could be used to set catch levels.
   Committee Action: Approve name change of the SEDAR committee.

5. **Other Business**