



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## OVERVIEW

### SEDAR COMMITTEE

### PORTIONS CLOSED SESSION

Hilton Wilmington Riverside  
301 N. Water Street  
Wilmington, NC

Items to be addressed at this meeting: (1) SEDAR activities update, (2) SEDAR Steering Committee Recommendations and (3) SEDAR 32, 36 and black sea bass update approvals.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Committee last met September 2012.

3. **SEDAR ACTIVITIES**

The yellowtail snapper benchmark assessment was presented to, and accepted by, the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic SSC's during a joint meeting held October 10, 2012.

Update assessments of vermilion snapper and red porgy were presented to, and accepted by, the SAFMC SSC during its meeting October 23-25, 2012.

A Review Workshop was held for the South Atlantic stocks of SEDAR 28 during the week of October 29. These assessments are scheduled for presentation to the SSC in April 2013.

The Steering Committee met October 3, 2012 and developed an initial schedule for 2014 stock assessments.

Planning is underway for SEDAR 32, benchmark assessment of gray triggerfish and blueline tilefish, and SEDAR 36, standard assessment of snowy grouper, and a black sea bass update.

The current SEDAR project schedule is provided (Attachment 1). Note that this schedule was not updated following the last Steering Committee meeting. This is due to awaiting resolution of schedule issues with Gulf and Caribbean assessments.

ACTION: As necessary

#### 4. STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Steering Committee met via conference call on October 3, 2012 to discuss the assessment schedule for 2014 and beyond. The draft meeting summary is provided (Attachment 2). The table below highlights schedule recommendations for South Atlantic stocks.

**Table 1. South Atlantic assessment schedule, 2013 - 2017. Years in parentheses next to stocks indicate the terminal data year of the most recent prior assessment.**

Year	Stocks	Status
2013	1.Gray triggerfish B 2. Blueline Tile B 3. Snowy STD (2003) 4.Black Sea Bass U (2010)	Final
2014	1. Red Snapper B (2009) 2.Red porgy B (2011) 3. Gag U (2005) 4. GAJ U (2006)	Preliminary
2015	1. gray snapper B 2. Dolphin B 3. Wahoo B 4. Tilefish U (2010) 5. Red grouper U (2008) Vermilion U? (2011) Red Porgy U?	Tentative
2016	white grunt B Speckled Hind B Warsaw grouper B wreckfish B Red Snapper U Snowy U (2011) Blueline U (2011)	Tentative
2017	Red Porgy U Black Sea Bass U (rebuild target 2016) Gag U	Tentative

Summary of timing for 2013 South Atlantic Stocks:

- Black Sea Bass Update: Presented to SSC 4/13; recommendations to Council 6/13
- SEDAR 32, blueline tilefish and gray trigger: Presented to SSC 10/13; recommendations to Council 12/13
- SEDAR 36, snowy grouper: Presented to SSC 10/13; recommendations to Council 12/13

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held in Spring 2013. Topics to discuss include the SEDAR project schedule and assessment productivity.

**ACTION:** Provide recommendations for the Steering Committee

- Should a red porgy assessment be scheduled for 2014, and if so, what type of assessment should be requested?
- If red porgy is not assessed in 2014, which stock should be assessed instead?
- What 5 stocks are the top priorities for 2015?

**6. SEDAR Approvals**

The Committee is asked to approve schedules and Terms of Reference for SEDARs 32, 36, and the black sea bass update (Attachments 3 - 6). SEDAR 32 appointments were considered at the September meeting (Attachment 7). At this time the Committee is asked to approve the RW chair and several additional data providers since identified, and to consider the request from the prior meeting for a recreational triggerfish representative. The schedules and Terms of Reference offered for consideration were reviewed by the SSC in October 2012.

ACTION: Approve workshop schedule and appoint participants

- Black sea bass update TORs (Attachment 3)
- SEDAR 32 TORs (Attachment 4)
- SEDAR 36 Schedule (Attachment 5)
- SEDAR 36 TORs (Attachment 5)
- SEDAR 32 appointments (Attachment 6; CLOSED SESSION)
- SEDAR 36 appointments (Attachment 6; CLOSED SESSION)

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**8. TIMING AND TASKS MOTION**

**9. ADJOURN**