

OVERVIEW

SEDAR Committee

September 2014

Charleston Marriott
170 Lockwood Boulevard
Charleston, SC

Items to be addressed at this meeting: SEDAR activities update, Steering Committee recommendations, fishery-dependent monitoring workshop.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Committee last met June 2014.

3. **SEDAR AND ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES**

Attachment 1 provides an overview of SEDAR projects. Table 1 below summarizes South Atlantic assessments, as scheduled following the June 2014 Steering Committee meeting.

At the last meeting of this committee, the following priorities were identified:

1. Blueline tilefish standard
2. Golden Tilefish Update
3. Red grouper Update
4. Red porgy Benchmark/Standard
5. Scamp Benchmark
6. Vermilion Snapper Update

The SEFSC will provide an update on its ability to meet these priorities, as well as the impact to the current schedule of recent staff turnover.

The schedule for SEDAR 41, South Atlantic red snapper and gray triggerfish, was revised to provide an earlier completion date based on discussions at the June 2014 Council meeting. The assessment workshop was moved to the week of November 17, 2014 and the review moved to the week of March 16, 2015. This timing allows SSC consideration in Spring 2015 and provides recommendations to the Council in June 2015. Due to the change in schedule, Zack Bowen will not be able to serve as a Council observer for this project, so the committee is asked to consider a replacement.

SEDAR held a procedures workshop devoted to shrimp assessment and bycatch data, July 21 - 25, 2014 in Charleston. The workshop was well attended and participant feedback was positive. A report is in preparation.

ACTION

- Approve the revised SEDAR 41 schedule
- Identify a Council representative for SEDAR 41

Table 1. SEDAR Assessment Projects currently scheduled for the South Atlantic.

Stocks	Type	Terminal Data	SSC Review
Mutton snapper (FL)	Update	2012	October 2014
King mackerel	Benchmark	2012	October 2014
Hogfish (FL)	Benchmark 37	2013	October 2014
Red snapper Gray triggerfish	Benchmark 41 start 8/2014	2013	April 2015
Red grouper	Update	2014	October 2015
Black grouper (FL)	Update	2014	October 2015
Tilefish	Update	2014	April 2016
Blueline tilefish	Standard	2014	April 2016
Scamp Gray snapper	Benchmark	2014	October 2016
Red Pogy*	Benchmark	2014	October 2016

* The SSC will consider at its next meeting whether a standard assessment will be sufficient for red pogy

4. SEDAR STEERING COMMITTEE GUIDANCE

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for October 6 -7, 2014, in Charleston, SC. Discussion topics will include the SEDAR schedule including 2016 priorities and a review of the SEDAR SOPPS.

The Committee is asked to identify changes or modifications to the SEDAR SOPPS (Attachment 2) for consideration by the Steering Committee.

ACTION

- Provide guidance on steering committee topics

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. ADJOURN