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OVERVIEW

SEDAR Committee

Charleston Marriott Hotel
170 Lockwood Boulevard
Charleston, SC

Item to be addressed at this meeting: (1) SEDAR approvals and appointments; (2) SAFMC research plan, (3) SAFMC assessment timing and prioritization, and (4) discuss conflict of interest disclosure.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

2. **Approval of Minutes**

The Committee last met in June 2010.

3. **SEDAR Administrative Actions**

The SEDAR Steering Committee met via conference call in June 2010 to discuss scheduling of assessments for 2011 (Attachment 1). SAFMC requested updates for 4 stocks as discussed at the June SEDAR Committee meeting, and SEFSC agreed at the time to consider moving ahead with 3 updates. SEFSC staff later notified Council and SEDAR staff that the number of updates to consider in 2011 may be reduced to 2. The Steering Committee noted that assessments needs drastically exceed current capabilities, and directed each Council to develop a prioritization plan (see item 5)

The Committee is provided updated project schedules for all ongoing assessments involving South Atlantic stocks in the SEDAR administrative report (Attachment 2). Appointments are requested for SEDAR 23, Goliath Grouper, SEDAR 24, Red Snapper, the spiny lobster update, and the black sea bass update.

Appointments:

- 1 SSC Reviewer for the SEDAR 23 Goliath grouper benchmark review panel
- 1 SSC Reviewer for the spiny lobster update joint review workshop
- These meetings occur sequentially, recommend overlap in participants*
- Interested: John Hoenig, George Sedberry, Marcel Reichert
- 1 SSC Chair for the SEDAR 24 red snapper benchmark Review Panel

Interested: Anne Lange
1-2 SSC Reviewers for the SEDAR 24 red snapper benchmark Review Panel
Interested: None identified
Additional participants for the South Atlantic black sea bass update
Interested: Jim Berkson, Steve Cadrin

Approvals:

Black Sea Bass TORs and Schedule

ACTION

Appoint workshop participants
Approve sea bass update

4. **SAFMC Research Plan**

The Reauthorized Magnuson Act directs Council's to prepare and submit prioritized research recommendations annually. Several topics of interest that developed over the last year are highlighted in the 2011 plan (Attachment 3). Otherwise it is largely unchanged from prior years.

ACTION

Review and Approve the SAFMC 2011 Research Prioritization Plan

5. **SAFMC Stock Assessment Prioritization & Steering Committee Recommendations**

The SEDAR Steering Committee requested that each Council prioritize stocks for future assessments and develop guidance on assessment timing. The proposed prioritization for SAFMC stocks was prepared by staff in response to this request (Attachment 4).

The Steering Committee will meet October 5-7 to discuss short-term and long-term assessment scheduling and SEDAR process issues.

ACTION

Review the proposed assessment prioritization
Provide guidance to the Steering Committee Delegation.

6. **Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

The Committee directed staff to develop a draft conflict of interest disclosure form to evaluate COI concerns for SEDAR appointees (Attachment 5). The committee did not have time to consider this form at the last meeting in June 2010.