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OVERVIEW

SEDAR Committee

Charleston Marriott Hotel
170 Lockwood Boulevard
Charleston, SC

Items to be addressed at this meeting: (1) SEDAR activities update, (2) SSC ORCS Workshop Report, (3) Steering Committee Guidance, and (4) SEDAR 32 Appointments.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee last met June 2012.

3. SEDAR ACTIVITIES

The assessment process is underway for SEDAR 28, South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico cobia and Spanish mackerel. The Data Workshop was held February 6-10, 2012, in Charleston, and the Assessment Workshop May 7-11 in Miami. The Review Workshop will be held October 29 - November 2.

Stock assessment updates for red porgy and vermilion snapper are underway, with completion anticipated for the October 23-25, 2012, SSC meeting

The current SEDAR project schedule is provided (Attachment 1).

ACTION: As necessary

4. SSC ORCS WORKSHOP

The SSC held a workshop August 1-3 to develop a method of applying the ORCS recommendations to derive ABCs for unassessed stocks. This Committee was briefed on the workshop approach at its last meeting in June 2012, and will be briefed at this meeting on workshop progress (Attachment 2). The SSC did not fully complete the task of applying the ORCS approach, evaluating stock criteria and selecting reference catch levels, and therefore intends to continue these efforts by adding an extra day at the start of the next regular SSC meeting in April 2013.

ACTION: Provide guidance on determining appropriate risk levels (scalar values) for unassessed stocks.

5. STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Steering Committee met via conference call on August 7, 2012 to discuss proposed changes to the SAFMC assessment plans for 2013 (Attachment 3).

Summary of 2013 Atlantic Group Assessment Projects as approved by the Steering Committee:

- 1) blueline tilefish benchmark
- 2) gray triggerfish benchmark
- 3) Gulf menhaden benchmark
- 4) snowy grouper standard
- 5) black sea bass update

The next Steering Committee meeting will be October 3, 2013, via webinar. Topics to discuss include the 2014 project schedule, long-term assessment priorities, and assessment productivity.

ACTION: Provide recommendations for the Steering Committee

6. SEDAR 32 Approvals

The Committee is asked to approve the schedule (Attachment 4) and make participant appointments for SEDAR 32 workshops (Attachment 5). Terms of Reference for SEDAR 32 will be reviewed by the SSC in October and offered for Council approval in December. The request for appointments is made now to accommodate data scoping that will likely begin in November, whereas the Data Workshop is not scheduled until February 2013.

ACTION: Approve workshop schedule and appoint participants

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. TIMING AND TASKS MOTION

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