

# OVERVIEW

## SEDAR Committee Meeting

June 16, 2016

The SEDAR Committee will: (A) make appointments for SEDAR 50 and 53 in closed session; (B) approve schedules and TORs for SEDARs 50 and 53; (C) receive updates on SEDAR projects, assessment prioritization, and the steering committee, and (D) consider future cobia assessment timing.

### Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes: March 2016

### 1) SEDAR APPOINTMENTS: CLOSED SESSION

Candidates for appointment to SEDAR 50, Atlantic Blueline Tilefish benchmark, and SEDAR 53, South Atlantic Red Grouper Standard are provided in **Attachment 1**.

#### ACTION

- Make SEDAR Panel Appointments for SEDAR 50 and 53.

### 2) SEDAR APPROVALS

SEDAR 50 and 53 Schedules and Terms of Reference are provided in **Attachment 2**. These documents include the following:

The SSC recommended that the assessment of red grouper be conducted through the SEDAR Standard process, rather than the update process, to allow consideration of video index observations.

The SSC recommended that at least one in-person workshop be held during the assessment process for SEDAR 50.

SEDAR 50 will be conducted jointly with the MAFMC, with the SAFMC having lead. The TORS and schedule were reviewed by the MAFMC and its SSC. The SAFMC SSC reviewed MAFMC recommendations for the TORs and suggested some modifications reflected in the documents offered here for approval.

#### ACTION

- Approve TORs and Schedules for SEDAR 50 and 53.

### 3) SEDAR Projects Update

A full summary of recently concluded and ongoing SEDAR projects is provided in **Attachment 3**. Recently completed South Atlantic assessments include Red Snapper and Gray Triggerfish in SEDAR 41, Goliath Grouper in SEDAR 47, and an update of Tilefish.

### 4) Future Cobia Assessments

There is growing interest in a Cobia assessment in the near future. As stock identification is an emerging issue, Cobia was raised as a priority at the SEDAR Steering Committee and noted as a priority to be considered through a SEDAR Procedures Workshop devoted to stock

identification for multiple stocks planned for 2017. This could support a cobia assessment in late 2018.

#### **ACTION**

- Recommend assessment type and timing for the next cobia assessment

#### **5) SEDAR STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The SEDAR Steering Committee met via Webinar on May 9, 2016. Topics included ongoing projects, the NMFS assessment prioritization, MRIP revision assessment priorities and a schedule review (**Attachment 4**). A request from FL FWCC to delay the Black Grouper Assessment until 2017 was approved.

The Steering Committee will consider the proposed research track assessment process in October, including details of its application to a pilot evaluation during the scamp benchmark (**Attachment 5**). The research track differs from the current benchmark approach by applying a longer timeline and focusing on developing a robust assessment tool rather than timely status information. Status information would be provided by an “operational assessment”, similar to the current SEDAR update approach, using the most recent information and prepared soon after the benchmark tool is completed.

MRIP revision priorities were reported for the Gulf Council at the meeting, and a table of priorities for the South Atlantic, based on recreational catch percentages, was provided to Council staff the following week. An expanded prioritization developed by Council staff considers additional metrics related to stock status and the age of the existing assessment to develop revision assessment priorities (**Attachment 6**).

At the next Steering Committee meeting, expected to be held in late September, 2016, the Committee will finalize the 2018 assessment schedule and discuss details of the research track pilot application to scamp in 2018. This Committee can discuss guidance for Steering Committee topics at this meeting and again at the September SAFMC meeting.

#### **ACTION**

- Provide guidance for the next Steering Committee meeting, particularly regarding assessment priorities, MRIP revisions and the research track process.

#### **6) NMFS ASSESSMENT PRIORITY PROCESS**

The SAFMC SSC reviewed the NMFS assessment priority process in May 2016, including a preliminary application and scoring of metrics prepared by SEFSC and SAFMC staff. SSC comments and recommendations can be found in the SSC report provided with the Snapper-Grouper Committee briefing materials. As a number of the metrics require expert judgment, the SSC supported convening a workshop of the SSC and appropriate AP representation to develop scores, similar to how to the ORCS evaluation.

#### **ACTION**

- Review and Comment, consider SSC workshop request.

#### **7) Other Business**

**Adjourn**



### SAFMC SEDAR ASSESSMENT PROJECTS OVERVIEW

Plan Year	SEDAR #	Stocks	Approach	Terminal Data	Assessment Complete	Lead Agency
2015	41	Red snapper & Gray triggerfish	Benchmark	2014	April 2016	SEFSC
	U	Tilefish	Update	2014	April 2016	SEFSC
2016	47	Goliath grouper	Benchmark	2014	Jun 2016	FL FWCC
	53	Red grouper	Standard	2015	Jan 2017	SEFSC
2017	50	Blueline Tilefish	Benchmark	2015	June 2017	SEFSC
	48	Black grouper	Standard	2014	Jan 2018	FL FWCC
	U	Vermilion	Update	2016	Jan 2018	SEFSC
	S/B	MRIP Revisions, TBD	Revision	2016	June 2018	SEFSC
2018	B	Yellowtail Snapper	Benchmark	2016	Spring 2019	FL FWCC
	B	Scamp, Gulf + SA	Benchmark	2016	Mid-2019	SEFSC