

# OVERVIEW

## SEDAR Committee Meeting

September 13, 2016

The SEDAR Committee will receive updates on SEDAR projects and develop guidance for the September 2016 Steering Committee meeting.

### Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes: June 2016

### 1) SEDAR PROJECTS UPDATE

SEDAR 50, Blueline Tilefish Benchmark, is underway. Age determination issues identified in late June 2016 resulted in a call for an ageing workshop in late July. This would have delayed the data workshop approximately 3 months, although SSC review would have still been held as planned in October 2017. However, during the Stock ID Workshop held June 28-30 in Raleigh, NC, the stock was recognized as extending from the Gulf of Mexico through the Mid-Atlantic Region. This requires considering additional data from the Gulf of Mexico, as well as adding the Gulf Council to the list of Cooperators on this project. (Note that the SAFMC is the lead Cooperator, and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council is also included.) The impact to the project schedule of adding the Gulf of Mexico is not yet resolved. Efforts are underway now to determine data availability and an age structure evaluation timeline. More information will be known following the ageing workshop which will be held August 29-31. Following that workshop, the principal analysts, data providers and SEDAR staff intend to develop a new project timeline and have it ready for Council consideration at the December meeting. The Steering Committee will be briefed on the issue at their September meeting.

SEDAR 53, Assessment of South Atlantic Red Grouper, is underway. The Data Scoping call was held August 8, datasets are due to the analysts by September 5, and assessment webinars will be held November – January. This assessment will be reviewed by the SSC in April and available for Council consideration in June 2017.

### **ACTION**

- Provide guidance as necessary

### 2) SEDAR STEERING COMMITTEE GUIDANCE

The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet September 20-21, 2016, in Charleston (**Attachment 1**.) Topics will include the research track proposal, reports on ongoing projects, discussion of the recent Goliath Grouper assessment and consideration of assessment priorities for 2018-2020.

At this meeting, the committee is asked to review and discuss the research track proposal (**Attachment 2**.) 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. 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.

The Council developed a list of assessment priorities at the June 2016 meeting (**Table 2**). This request will be considered by the Steering Committee. Any further changes or revisions in priorities desired by the Council should be identified at this meeting.

**ACTION**

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

**Other Business**

**Timing and Tasks**

**Adjourn**

**Table 1. SAFMC SEDAR ASSESSMENT PROJECTS OVERVIEW**

Plan Year	SEDAR #	Stocks	Approach	Terminal Data	SSC Review	Lead Agency
2016	47	Goliath grouper	Benchmark	2014	10/16	FL FWCC
	53	Red grouper	Standard	2015	4/17	SEFSC
2017	50	Blueline Tilefish, Gulf+SA+MA	Benchmark	2015	TBD	SEFSC
	48	Black grouper	Standard	2014	10/18	FL FWCC
	U	Vermilion	Update	2016	4/18	SEFSC
	S/B	MRIP Revisions, TBD	Revision	2016	4/18	SEFSC
2018	-	Yellowtail Snapper	Benchmark	2016	10/19	FL FWCC
	-	King Mackerel	Benchmark	2016/17	10/19	SEFSC
	-	Scamp, Gulf + SA	Benchmark	2016	10/19	SEFSC

**Table 2. SAFMC SEDAR Assessment Priorities, 2017-2020.**

Year	Quarter	1	2	3	4	FL FWCC	Extra
2016	1	<b>RSGT</b>	<b>RSGT</b>				SA tile
	2	<b>RSGT</b>				1	SA tile
	3	<b>BL</b>	<b>BL</b>		<i>RG</i>	GG	
	4	<b>BL</b>	<b>BL</b>		<i>RG</i>	GG	
2017	1	<b>BL</b>	<b>BL</b>	<i>BSB-S</i>	<i>RG</i>		
	2	<b>BL</b>	<b>BL</b>	<i>BSB-S</i>			
	3	<b>BL</b>	<b>BL</b>		VS	<b>BLG</b>	
	4			MRIP	VS	<b>BLG</b>	
2018	1	<b>S/RT</b>	<b><u>COBIA</u></b>	MRIP	<i>RP-S</i>	<b>BLG</b>	<b>KM</b>
	2	<b>S/RT</b>	<b><u>COBIA</u></b>	<i>GAG-S</i>	<i>RP-S</i>	<b>BLG</b>	<b>KM</b>
	3	<b>S/RT</b>	<b><u>COBIA</u></b>	<i>GAG-S</i>		<b>YTS</b>	<b>KM</b>
	4	<b>S/RT</b>	<b><u>COBIA</u></b>			<b>YTS</b>	<b>KM</b>
2019	1	<b>S/RT</b>	<b><u>COBIA</u></b>			<b>YTS</b>	<b>KM</b>
	2	<b>S/RT</b>		<i>GAG-S</i>	<i>SpMack-S</i>	<b>YTS</b>	
	3			<i>GAG-S</i>	<i>SpMack-S</i>		
	4			<i>SNG-S</i>	<i>Tile-S</i>	<i>Hog. N-U</i>	
2020	1	<b><u>GT-B</u></b>	<b><u>WhG-B-</u></b>	<i>SNG-S</i>	<i>Tile-S</i>	<i>MS-S</i>	
	2	<b><u>GT-B</u></b>	<b><u>WhG-B</u></b>			<i>MS-S</i>	
	3	<b><u>GT-B</u></b>	<b><u>WhG-B</u></b>	<i>RS-U</i>	<i>RG-U</i>		
	4	<b><u>GT-B</u></b>	<b><u>WhG-B</u></b>	<i>RS-U</i>	<i>RG-U</i>		

Underlined items in red are requests that have not been finalized by the Steering Committee.

Bold items are benchmark projects, plain text items are updates and italicized items are standard assessments.