

**SUMMARY REPORT
FROM THE
SEDAR COMMITTEE MEETING
Savannah, GA
March 7th , 2012**

The Committee received a progress report on ongoing SEDAR assessment projects and discussed future assessment priorities. SEFSC reported that a red snapper benchmark should not be pursued in 2013 due to concerns over the short time series of new information sources. Therefore, the previous plan of conducting an evaluation of survey trends and removals under the moratorium regulations will be followed. The evaluation should include information through 2012, should be reviewed by the SSC, and be available to them in time to support updated fishing level recommendations presented to the Council at the June 2013 meeting. The Committee supported the 2014 assessment priorities as listed, and added black sea bass and greater amberjack as stocks to consider if additional assessments can be completed.

Findings of an MRIP project investigating electronic logbooks for headboat vessels were reported to the Committee. The Committee was also briefed on evaluation of, and implementation plans for, electronic reporting for the Southeast Headboat Survey.

An overview of revised recreational catch estimates from the MRIP estimation process was provided.

The Committee was briefed on an MRIP workshop addressing volunteer angler data, and an upcoming workshop held in conjunction with SEDAR addressing calibration of MRFSS and MRIP estimates.

No motions were made.