

**FINAL  
SUMMARY REPORT FROM THE  
SEDAR COMMITTEE**

Wilmington, NC  
December 3, 2013

The SEDAR Committee met on December 3, 2013 and received reports on current SEDAR activities, SSC recommendations on future assessment planning, presentation of SEDAR assessment results, and administrative actions for the 2014 gag grouper update and SEDAR 41 benchmark.

The Committee supported the SSC request to hold a workshop prior to the April 2014 SSC meeting for discussion of long term assessment priorities and scheduling. In addition to the topics identified, the SSC is asked to consider a decision tree approach for selecting appropriate assessment models for stocks.

The Committee discussed presentations of SEDAR assessments to the SSC. In-person presentations are desired for all assessments, and considered critical for SEDAR Standard Assessments. All presentations should be provided to the SSC two weeks prior to the meeting.

The Committee approved TORS for the gag grouper update, and the schedule and TORS for SEDAR 41. An additional TOR was added to SEDAR 41 to require comparison with the Gulf of Mexico red snapper assessment. Participants for SEDAR 41 were approved during closed session.

The Committee received a progress report on the wreckfish assessment, and was briefed on the schedule of events to be completed between now and SSC consideration of the assessment in April 2014.

The Committee received further updates on SEFSC fishery dependent sampling efforts, and recommended convening a workshop to develop a fishery dependent sampling program for the snapper grouper fishery.

The Committee received an update on recent National Standard 2 revisions.

**MOTIONS**

Move that the Council support the SSC request to devote a workshop to assessment planning in 2014. Approved by Committee. Approved by Council.

Move to approve the terms of reference for the gag grouper update. Approved by Committee. Approved by Council.

Move to add a Term of Reference to the SEDAR 41 Data Workshop to compare and contrast life history traits between the Gulf and South Atlantic Stocks, to add a Term of Reference to the SEDAR 41 Assessment Workshop to compare and contrast productivity measures and assessment assumptions between the Gulf and South Atlantic Stocks, and add a Term of Reference to the SEDAR 41 Review Workshop to compare and contrast assessment uncertainties between the Gulf and South Atlantic stocks. Approved by Committee. Approved by Council.

Move to approve the schedule and Terms of Reference for SEDAR 41 as modified. Approved by Committee. Approved by Council.

Move to convene a workshop to develop a comprehensive fishery dependent sampling program for the snapper grouper fishery of the South Atlantic. Approved by Committee. Approved by Council.

Move to accept the SEDAR 41 participants as listed (*see table 1 below*). Approved by Committee. Approved by Council.

Move to appoint Marcel Reichert to the SEDAR 41 data and assessment workshops. Approved by Council.

Table 1. SEDAR 41 Appointments.

Name	Affiliation	Expertise	DW	AW	RW
<b>1. Technical Representatives</b>					
Stephanie McInerny	NC DMF	Commercial statistics	X		
Chris Wilson	NC DMF	Recreational statistics	X		
Will Smith*	NC DMF	Stock Assessment		X	
Byron White*	SC DNR	RS Life History (LH)	X		
Kevin Kolmos*	SC DNR	GT LH	X		
David Wyanski*	SC DNR	RS/GT LH	X		
Amanda Kelly*	SC DNR	GT LH	X		
Adam Lytton *	SC DNR	GT LH	X		
Michelle Falk*	SC DNR	RS LH	X		
Wally Bublely*	SC DNR	RS LH	X		
Tanya Darden*	SC DNR	LH and stock structure	X		
Joey Ballenger*	SC DNR	Both Indices	X		
Tracey Smart*	SC DNR	Both Indices	X		
Eric Hiltz*	SC DNR	Recreational statistics	X		
Amy Dukes*	SC DNR	Commercial statistics	X		
Julie Califf	GA DNR	Commercial statistics	X		
Kathy Knowlton	GA DNR	Recreational statistics	X		
Steve Brown	FL FWC	Commercial Statistics	X		
Beverly Sauls	FL FWC	Recreational Statistics	X		
Ted Switzer	FL FWC	Both Indices	X		
Russel Brodie	FL FWC	Both Indices	X		
Susan Lowerre-Barbieri	FL FWC	Both Life History	X		
Cameron Gunther	FL FWC	Both Life History	X		
Julie Defillippi	ACCSP	Regional Data	X		
<b>2. AP Representatives</b>					
Robert Johnson	SG AP	FL, Recreational	X	X	X
Jack Perrett	SG AP	GA, Recreational	X		
Kenny Fex	SG AP	NC, Commercial	X	X	
David Nelson	SEDAR AP	FL, Commercial	X	X	
Rusty Hudson	SFA	FL, Commercial & Rec	X	X	X
Peter Barile	SFA	Fisheries Science	X	X	
Bill Shearin	SEDAR AP	GA, Charter	X		
<b>3. Council Representatives</b>					
Jack Cox			X	X	X
Zack Bowen			X	X	X
<b>4. SSC Representatives</b>					
Chip Collier	SSC	SSC	X		
George Sedberry	SSC	SSC	X		
Doug Vaughan	SSC	SSC		X	
Luiz Barbieri	SSC	RW Chair		X	X
Jim Berkson	SSC	Reviewer			X
Churchill Grimes	SSC	Reviewer			X
Jan Yaio	SSC	Reviewer			X