

FINAL SUMMARY REPORT FROM THE SEDAR COMMITTEE

Charleston, SC
September 15, 2014

The SEDAR Committee met September 15, 2014. It received reports on current SEDAR and Steering Committee activities, and discussed future SAFMC priorities and SEDAR procedures.

The Committee was briefed on SEDAR 41 data issues including DW panel recommendations from a webinar held September 11. A draft report from that webinar, provided to the Committee prior to the meeting, provides details on the issue. SEFSC Director Dr. Ponwith briefed the Committee on a process the Center intends to follow to address reporting issues, with the goal of having the issue resolved by the end of 2014. It includes peer review of a process for obtaining and evaluating data and a number of focus groups to better understand the nature of reporting issues. It was noted that state agencies may have information ancillary to the headboat program that may also be of use. Work on the SEDAR 41 benchmarks will be delayed while headboat reporting issues are resolved. At the December 2014 meeting the Council will receive an update on the resolution efforts and consider how to modify the schedule of SEDAR 41, including whether to include 2014 data. The Council will also determine how scheduling of other South Atlantic assessments will be adjusted.

The committee reviewed assessment priorities, and supported the June 2014 priorities with the addition of greater amberjack.

MOTIONS

Move to support the SAFMC assessment priorities as established in June 2014 and to add Greater Amberjack as #7.

1. Blueline tilefish standard
2. Golden Tilefish Update
3. Red grouper Update
4. Red porgy Benchmark/Standard
5. Scamp Benchmark
6. Vermilion Snapper Update
7. Greater Amberjack Update

Approved by committee. APPROVED BY COUNCIL.

SAFMC ASSESSMENT TIMING AND PRIORITIES

Stocks	Type	Terminal Data	SSC Review
Mutton snapper (FL)	Update	2012	October 2014
King mackerel	Benchmark	2012	October 2014
Hogfish (FL)	Benchmark 37	2013	October 2014
Red snapper Gray triggerfish	Benchmark 41	2013	TBD, not before October 2015
Red grouper	Update	2014	October 2015
Black grouper (FL)	Update	2014	October 2015
Blueline Tilefish	Standard	2014	April 2016
Tilefish	Standard	2014	April 2016
Scamp Gray snapper	Benchmark	2014	October 2016
Red Porgy	Benchmark or Standard	2014	October 2016
Greater Amberjack	Update or Standard	TBD	TBD