

**FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT
SEDAR COMMITTEE MEETING
Hilton Head, SC
September 15, 2015**

The Committee received reports on SEDAR projects, the annual research plan and the SEFSC headboat data evaluation.

Several additions were made to the modified research plan addressing System Management Plan items. The Committee directed that supporting details of these items be added to the prior, detailed version of the research plan, and that this version be retained as a supporting or source document for the research plan.

Chairman Hartig expressed interest in any evidence of recent strong year classes of tilefish that may result from the upcoming stock assessment. Examination of landings by market category may help provide some insight into recent population trends.

Proposed stock assessment priorities were modified by:

- Removing spiny lobster in 2018 and mutton snapper in 2020.
- Requesting a standard approach for blueline tilefish in 2016, to incorporate results of additional SEFSC survey efforts now underway and stock ID results expected to be available later this year. The Committee directed that the SSC review the justification for a standard assessment in October, with participation by SEFSC staff.

MOTIONS:

(CLOSED) MOTION: APPOINT MARCEL REICHERT AS CHAIR, CAROLYN BELCHER AS A REVIEWER AND GEORGE SEDBERRY AND ERIC JOHNSON AS AN ALTERNATE FOR SEDAR 47. APPROVED BY COMMITTEE. Approved by council.

MOTION: APPROVE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR TILEFISH. APPROVED BY COMMITTEE. Approved by council.

MOTION: APPROVE THE GOLIATH GROUPER REVIEW WORKSHOP TERMS OF REFERENCE. APPROVED BY COMMITTEE. Approved by council.

MOTION: APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL SPAWNING SMZ AND MPA ITEMS TO THE COUNCIL RESEARCH PLAN. APPROVED BY COMMITTEE. Approved by council.

MOTION: APPROVE THE COUNCILS RESEARCH PRIORITIES PLAN AS MODIFIED. APPROVED BY COMMITTEE. Approved by council.

MOTION: APPROVE THE STOCK ASSESSMENT PRIORITIES AS MODIFIED. APPROVED BY COMMITTEE. Approved by council.

TIMING AND TASKS (needs to be made as full council motion)

MOTION: Direct staff to:

- Modify the research plan and forward it to the agency. Approved by council.

SAFMC Stock Assessment Priorities, 2018-2020

2018	U	Red Snapper	Update	SEFSC
	S	Sea Bass	Standard	SEFSC
	S	Red Porgy	Standard	SEFSC
	S	Snowy Grouper	Standard	SEFSC
2019	U	Blueline	Update	SEFSC
	U	Spanish	Update	SEFSC
	U	Cobia	Update	SEFSC
	S	Gag	Standard	SEFSC
	U	Yellowtail Snapper	Update	FL FWCC
2020	B	White Grunt (potentially multiple stocks)	Benchmark	SEFSC
	U	King Mackerel	Update	SEFSC
	U	Tilefish	Update	SEFSC
	U	Hogfish	Update	FL FWCC