SUMMARY REPORT FROM THE SEDAR COMMITTEE

Ponte Vedra Beach, FL June 10, 2014

The SEDAR Committee met on June 10, 2014 and received reports on current SEDAR and Steering Committee activities, discussed the fishery dependent monitoring workshop, identified assessment priorities, reviewed the SAFMC peer review process and approved the annual research and monitoring plan.

The Committee supported recommended changes to assessment Terms of Reference for black grouper and gray triggerfish.

Considerable discussion was devoted to assessment priorities, in response to notification by the SEFSC that 2014 - 2016 assessment capabilities would diminish due to loss of staff within the Beaufort assessment team. The Council prioritized its assessment requests and will receive an update from the SEFSC at the next meeting on their ability to address the priority stocks.

The Committee supported convening the data inventory workshop during 2015 and expanding its scope as recommended by the SSC to address both fishery dependent and fishery independent data sources. Dr. Ponwith will name an SEFSC representative to the planning committee prior to the September SAFMC meeting. John Carmichael will ask Mike Cahall to identify an ACCSP representative to the workshop planning committee. Council recommended including a TOR to address regular updates of the information compiled through the workshop.

The Committee supported suggested modifications to the SAFMC Peer Review process.

The Committee approved the annual research and monitoring plan. Since it is removed from the FMU, blue runner shall be removed from the priority stocks listing.

Amberjack was added to list of long term assessment priorities.

MOTIONS

Move to approve the black grouper terms of reference as provided. Approved by committee. Approved by Council.

Move to approve the addition to gray triggerfish TOR 9 for SEDAR 41. Approved by committee. Approved by Council.

Move to replace the 2014 (terminal year) vermilion update with a standard assessment of blueline tilefish. Approved by committee. Approved by Council.

Move to establish SAFMC Species rankings as:

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

and to ask the SSC to consider if a standard assessment of red porgy will be adequate.

Approved by committee. Approved by Council.

Move to approve the suggested modifications to the Peer Review Process , and to indicate that peer reviewers need to be members of the SEDAR AP. Approved by committee. Approved by Council.

Move to approve the research and monitoring prioritization plan as modified. Approved by committee. Approved by Council.