

**SUMMARY REPORT
FROM THE SEDAR COMMITTEE MEETING
Charleston, SC
September 18, 2008**

The SEDAR Committee met September 18th, 2008 in Charleston, SC. The committee discussed the following items:

1. SEDAR 16 (king mackerel) Review Workshop

The Committee was briefed on the recently concluded SEDAR 16 review workshop and the general process through which chairs and reviewers are selected. Potential negative perceptions arose during the SEDAR 16 review regarding the relationship between the analytical team and the chair, a former SEFSC employee. Those who attended the workshop agreed that the review was thorough and that the chair acted appropriately and within the outlined duties of the position. However, the committee agreed that negative perceptions can undermine an otherwise strong and robust process, and that care should be taken in selecting future chairs.

The Committee took this opportunity to discuss SEDAR participation in general. Chairman Geiger strongly encouraged all Council members to participate in a workshop and observe the process first hand. Increased industry and constituent participation is also needed. Discussions with scientists and constituent representatives indicate that all parties benefit from interaction during SEDAR workshops, and the collaboration that occurs improves the quality of SEDAR stock assessments.

No motions were made.