



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA **SEDAR Committee** **PARTIALLY CLOSED SESSION**

Hilton Garden Inn Outerbanks
5353 N. Virginia Dare Trail
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949

Thursday, December 6, 2018 – 8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. (Times subject to change)

Approval of Agenda – Jessica McCawley

Approval of Committee minutes – Jessica McCawley

1. SEDAR Project Appointments – (**Attachment 1**) **CLOSED SESSION**
 - a. Overview – John Carmichael
 - b. **Committee Action:** Appoint participants – Jessica McCawley
2. SSC Report – Dr. George Sedberry (**Attachment SSC Report**)
3. SEDAR Project Approvals (**Attachment 2**)
 - a. Overview – John Carmichael
 - b. **Committee Action:** Approve schedules and TORs – Jessica McCawley
4. Assessment Activities Update (**Attachment 3**)
 - a. Overview – John Carmichael
 - b. **Committee action:** discuss and provide guidance – Jessica McCawley
5. SEDAR Steering Committee Guidance
 - a. Overview – John Carmichael
 - b. **Committee Action:** discuss and provide guidance – Jessica McCawley

Other Business – Jessica McCawley

Adjourn – Jessica McCawley

Committee Members

Jessica McCawley, Chair
Mel Bell, Vice-Chair
Robert Beal
Mel Bell

Roy Crabtree
Tim Griner
Doug Haymans
Steve Poland

Attachments

Attachment 1: Appointments (Closed Session Document)

Attachment 2: Approvals

Attachment 3: Activities Update

Staff: John Carmichael

OVERVIEW

SEDAR COMMITTEE

Agenda Approval

Minutes Approval – October 2018

1. SEDAR Appointments – (Attachment 1) CLOSED SESSION

Description: During a closed session, the Committee will consider appointments to the Scamp Stock ID process and the Tilefish standard assessment. Scamp stock ID will be addressed through a series of webinars and will develop stock recommendations prior to data delivery deadlines. Further details on the process are provided in the Scamp schedule and TORs in Attachment 2.

Required Committee Action: Make appointments.

2. SSC Report – (Attachment SSC Report)

Description: SSC Chair Dr. George Sedberry will brief the Committee on the SEDAR discussions and recommendations from the October 2018 SSC meeting.

3. Approvals – TORs & Schedules – (Attachment 2)

Description: The Committee is asked to approve the Terms of Reference for the Snowy Grouper update, and the Terms of Reference and schedule for the Tilefish standard assessment and the Scamp Research Track Assessment.

The SSC reviewed the Snowy Grouper and Tilefish documents in October 2018. Due to delays in completing the planning documents for Scamp, the SAFMC and GMFMC agreed to convene a joint SSC meeting with a subset of SSC members to jointly review the Scamp documents. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2018. The Committee will be briefed on the recommendations of the joint SSC group, and revised documents will be provided if necessary.

Required Committee Action: Approve scheduled and TORs

4. Assessment Projects Update (Attachment 3)

Description: Staff will review the status of SAFMC SEDAR assessment projects. The projects update reports includes a brief description of the status of ongoing assessment projects and SAFMC future priorities. Additional details are provided for 2019 projects based on the results of recent SEDAR-SEFSC project planning efforts.

5. SEDAR Steering Committee

Description: The SEDAR Steering Committee will next meet in Spring 2019. A specific date has not been selected, but consideration is being given to meeting May 16-17, following the CCC meeting in Charleston, SC. The Steering Committee will discuss assessment priorities and the assessment process including the research track approach.

The SEFSC requested guidance on 2020 operational assessments prior to the Spring Steering Committee meeting. This was prepared for SAFMC assessments of Gag and Spanish Mackerel and reviewed by the SSC in October 2018. The Committee is asked to review the draft Scope of Work included in Attachment 3.

Current SAFMC assessment priorities are listed in Attachment 3. The SSC recommended a standard assessment for the next consideration of Red Snapper, to address issues raised at their October 2018 meeting and include the findings of the FL FWCC selectivity study. Red Snapper is currently scheduled to be assessed through the Research Track approach in 2021. However, given the SSC recommendation, the Committee may wish to modify the Council's request. Another reason to consider modifying the Red Snapper assessment type is that it is possible the SEFSC will not have the resources to begin a Red Snapper Research Track in 2020 given that the Scamp Research Track will still be underway. Conducting Red Snapper as a standard to address issues raised by the SSC may be a more feasible approach.

This raises another issue the SSC noted and is also apparent in this discussion. SEDAR is in a state of transition from the prior Benchmark-Standard-Update assessment approaches and terminology to the new Research Track-Operational assessment approaches and terminology. Therefore, the future priorities Table in Attachment 3 now uses both groups of terminology, transitioning fully to Research Track-Operational in 2020. This will cause some unavoidable confusion as SEDAR and its Cooperators deal with both current projects developed under the existing terminology and manage the shift to the new terminology for future projects. The future Operational assessment category will replace the current standard-update categories, so the SSC recommendation to conduct Red Snapper as a standard assessment would translate to a request by the Council to conduct an operational assessment.

Required Committee Action: Provide guidance for the Steering Committee representatives.

- Consider the SSC recommendation to conduct Red Snapper as a standard assessment
- Provide comment on the Scope of Work for 2020 assessments.

Other Business

Adjourn