



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA **SEDAR Committee**

The Beaufort Hotel
2440 Lennoxville Road
Beaufort, NC 28516

December 9, 2021

Thursday, December 9, 2021 – 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. (Times Subject to Change)

Agenda Approval

Minutes Approval

1. SEDAR Steering Committee Report (*Attachment 1*)
2. Revise SEDAR/SAFMC Process and Approvals (*Attachments 2a and 2b*)
3. SEDAR 68 Scamp Operational Assessment (*Attachment 3*)
 - a. Terms of Reference Approval
 - b. Schedule Review
4. SEDAR 82 Gray Triggerfish Research Track Assessment (*Attachment 4*)
 - a. Terms of Reference Approval
 - b. Schedule Review
5. SEDAR 83 Vermilion Snapper Operational Assessment (*Attachment 5*)
 - a. Terms of Reference Approval
 - b. Schedule Review
6. SEDAR 86 Red Grouper Operational Assessment (*Attachment 6*)
 - a. Terms of Reference Approval
 - b. Schedule Review
7. Review 2024 golden Tilefish Operational Assessment Statement of Work (*Attachment 7*)
8. Stock Prioritization (*Attachment 8*)

Other Business

Adjourn

Committee Members

Mel Bell, Chair

Carolyn Belcher, Vice Chair

Robert Beal
Tim Griner
Kerry Marhefka
Jessica McCawley
Trish Murphey
Andy Strelcheck

Attachments

Attachment 1: SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting Summary v5

Attachment 2a: SAFMC SEDAR Process and Approvals

Attachment 2b: RT OA Process Guidance Document v5

Attachment 3: SEDAR 68 Scamp ToRs, Participants, and Schedule Memo

Attachment 4: SEDAR 82 Gray Triggerfish ToRs, Participants, and Schedule Memo

Attachment 5: SEDAR 83 SA Vermilion Snapper ToRs and Schedule

Attachment 6: SEDAR 86 SA Red Grouper ToRs and Schedule

Attachment 7: 2024 golden Tilefish Operational Assessment Statement of Work

Attachment 8: SAFMC Stock Prioritization

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OVERVIEW

Agenda Approval

Minutes Approval: March 2021

1. SEDAR Steering Committee Report (*Attachment 1*)

Description: The SEDAR Steering Committee met on October 13, 2021, to discuss the SEDAR Research Track/Operational Assessment/Topical Working Group Guidance Document and the Assessment Schedule and was provided an update ongoing SEDAR projects. SAFMC Staff will provide the committee an update on the meeting including a delay in the Spanish Mackerel Assessment, which was scheduled for delivery by April 2022, and a recommendation that the Atlantic migratory group of Cobia Assessment be added in the South Atlantic assessment slot.

Required Committee Action: None.

2. Revise SEDAR/SAFMC Process and Approvals (*Attachments 2a and 2b*)

Description: The Committee has not reviewed SEDAR documents which require approval and meeting timing since the Research Track and Operational Assessment has been adopted. Statements of Work are new to the SEDAR process and staff are requesting input on the level of review the Committee feels is appropriate. Additionally, the Committee has been approving the schedule for individual SEDAR projects and changes to individual project schedules may result in delays in the delivery of an assessment. Research Track and Operational Assessment Process Guidance Document (*Attachment 2b*) is provided for reference.

Required Committee Action: Recommend changes to the SEDAR Committee approvals, meeting timing, and other actions as needed.

3. SEDAR 68 Scamp Operational Assessment (*Attachment 3*)

Description: SEDAR 68 Research Track Assessment was completed in 2021 for South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Scamp and an operational assessment for South Atlantic Scamp will now be conducted to determine stock status and provide catch level advice. The SSC reviewed draft Terms of Reference provided edits. The terms of reference do not include topical working groups or participants.

Required Committee Action: Modify and approve terms of reference for SEDAR 68.

4. SEDAR 82 Gray Triggerfish Research Track Assessment (*Attachment 4*)

Description: South Atlantic Gray Triggerfish have not had an assessment completed to provide stock status and catch level recommendations through the SEDAR Process. The SEDAR 82 Gray Triggerfish Research Track Assessment will develop the assessment for Gray Triggerfish to be used in future operational assessments. A planning team has recommended terms of reference for the assessment for review by the Committee and provided a schedule to inform the Committee on the timing of events.

Required Committee Action: Modify and approve terms of reference for SEDAR 82.

5. **SEDAR 83 Vermilion Snapper Operational Assessment (*Attachment 5*)**
Description: Vermilion Snapper were last assessed through SEDAR 55 with a 2016 terminal year of data. The results of the assessment indicated the stock was neither overfished nor undergoing overfishing. SEDAR 83 will update the current assessment with data through 2021 and is scheduled for delivery in September 2023. There are no topical working groups or participants requested.
Required Committee Action: Modify and approve terms of reference for SEDAR 83.

6. **SEDAR 86 Red Grouper Operational Assessment (*Attachment 6*)**
Description: Red Grouper were last assessed through SEDAR 53 with a 2015 terminal year of data. The results of the assessment indicated the stock was overfished and undergoing overfishing. SEDAR 86 will update the current assessment with data through 2021 and is scheduled for delivery in December 2023. There are no topical working groups or participants requested.
Required Committee Action: Modify and approve terms of reference for SEDAR 86.

7. **Review 2024 golden Tilefish Operational Assessment Statement of Work (*Attachment 7*)**
Description: Golden Tilefish were last assessed through SEDAR 66 with a 2018 terminal year of data. The results of the assessment indicated the stock was neither overfished nor undergoing overfishing. The operational assessment will update the current assessment with data through 2022 is scheduled to start in 2024. The SSC reviewed the statement of work at their October 2021 meeting and recommended a topical working group to address issues related to life history of the species.
Required Committee Action: Modify and approve the statement of work for the 2024 golden Tilefish Operational Assessment.

8. **SAFMC Stock Prioritization (*Attachment 8*)**
Description: The SEDAR Steering Committee will review the SEDAR Planning Grid at their Spring 2022 meeting where the Council can request assessments for 2025. The Council has a list of species included in the research and monitoring plan that are priority species for assessments. The Council is asked to provide guidance on species that should be assessed in 2025.
Required Committee Action: Modify and approve or modify the species list currently included in the SEDAR Planning Grid for 2025.

Other Business

Adjourn