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SouthEast Data, Assessment, and Review

SEDAR Research Recommendations Search Tool

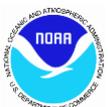
Stock assessments conducted through the SEDAR process usually contain a Research Recommendations section. These recommendations are produced by the appointed panels and analysts for most assessments. The purpose of these recommendations is to inform researchers of data gaps or modeling approaches that could potentially strengthen the next assessment. SEDAR staff produce a consolidated research recommendation PDF that combines all assessments' research recommendations together into one document for ease of reference. This document houses all research recommendations that have been produced since SEDAR 1 in 2002. (It can be downloaded at this link: [Click Here](#)). While this document provides a comprehensive accounting of the research recommendations for all SEDAR assessments, it can be cumbersome to navigate at times. To improve the usability of the Consolidated Research Recommendations document, SEDAR staff created the “SEDAR Research Recommendation Search Tool.”

The purpose of this tool is to make searching the Consolidated Research Recommendations document easier. The research recommendations are separated by Cooperator (Agencies and organizations that participate in and provide oversight of SEDAR) and species. To use this tool, please follow the directions below.

If you have further questions or comments about the application or its contents please contact Kathleen Howington at kathleen.howington@safmc.net.

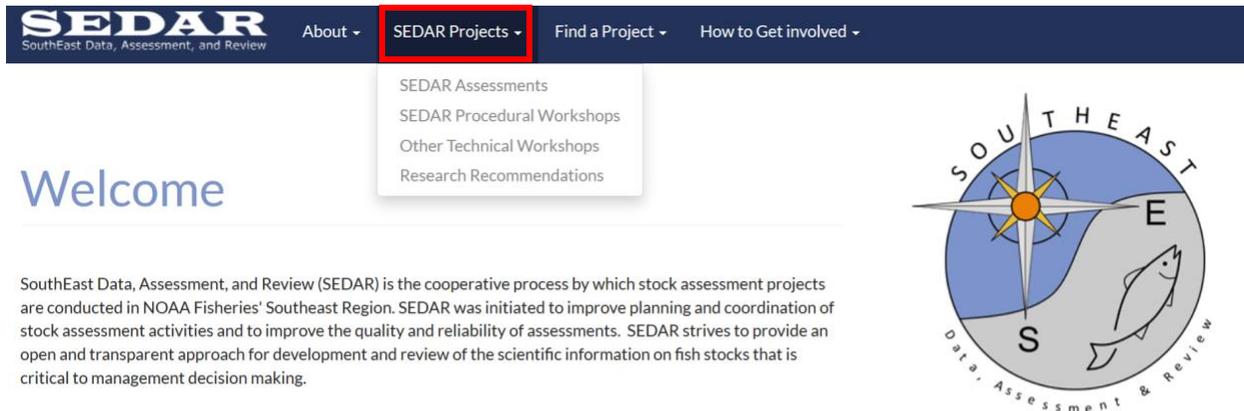
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How To Find the Research Recommendations Search tool

2. Click the tab labeled SEDAR projects at the top of the page



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the SEDAR website. The 'SEDAR Projects' dropdown menu is open, with 'Research Recommendations' highlighted in a red box. The 'Welcome' text is visible on the left, and the SEDAR logo is on the right.

SouthEast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) is the cooperative process by which stock assessment projects are conducted in NOAA Fisheries' Southeast Region. SEDAR was initiated to improve planning and coordination of stock assessment activities and to improve the quality and reliability of assessments. SEDAR strives to provide an open and transparent approach for development and review of the scientific information on fish stocks that is critical to management decision making.

For a list of SEDAR assessments click here: [SEDAR Assessments](#)

SEDAR Process

From its beginnings in 2002 with the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Fisheries Science Center and Southeast Regional Office, the program has grown to include the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, the Atlantic States and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions, and NOAA Fisheries HMS Division. Program guidance is provided through a Steering Committee, composed of representatives from the 3 Councils, 2 Commissions, and 3 NOAA Fisheries Offices, collectively referred to in the Program as "Cooperators". SEDAR is operated as a Council process, with dedicated staff and administered through the South Atlantic Council.

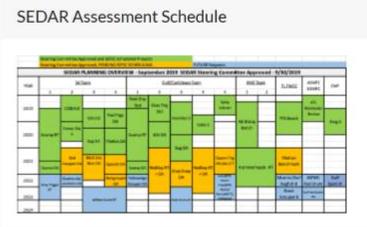
All SEDAR workshops and webinars are open to the public and all information related to those assessments is available here on this website. Public comment, in person or in writing, is accepted throughout the process as well as during subsequent review and action by the cooperating agencies. Workshop times and locations are noticed in advance through the Federal Register and posted on this site.

The basic SEDAR products are stock assessment reports prepared through SEDAR assessment projects. Projects are numbered for organization and tracking, and each may include assessments on multiple stocks. In most instances projects are devoted to single Cooperators, although there are exceptions such as when dealing with stocks managed jointly by 2 Cooperators. The SEDAR Project List provides a quick reference for past and future assessments and is updated annually following the fall Steering Committee meeting.

Specific assessment projects can be found on this site using the various search options provided. The "find a project" menu in the header bar provides assessment listings by species and Cooperator. A full listing of all projects is available through the "SEDAR Assessments" entry of the "SEDAR Projects" menu. This menu also provides access to various other types of projects supported by SEDAR. Finally, those who know the project they are interested in can jump right to it using the blue Quick Link buttons on the right column.

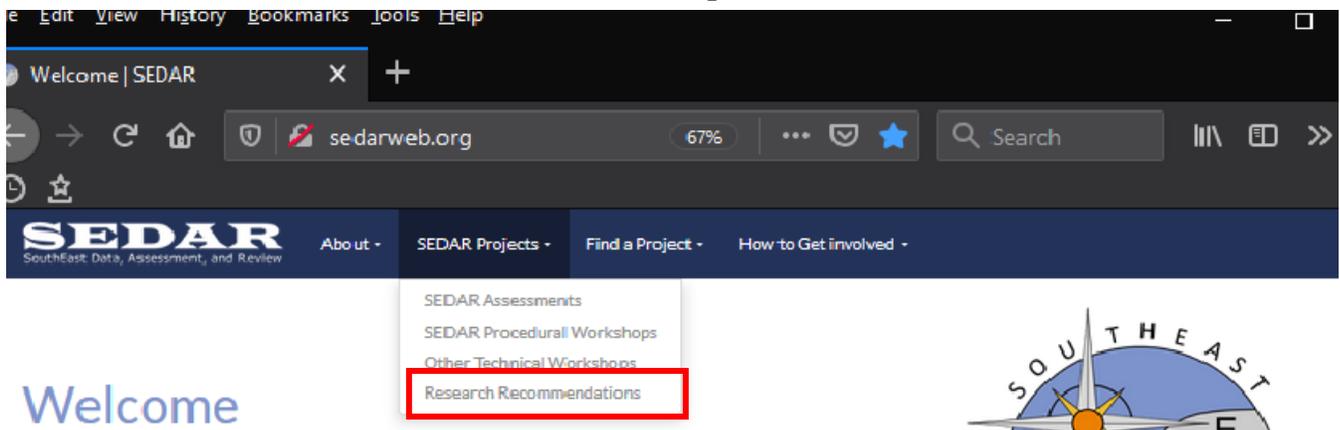


The screenshot shows the 'SEDAR Assessment Quick-links' section, which features a grid of numbered buttons (01-74) and an 'Upcoming Events' button.



The screenshot shows the 'SEDAR Assessment Schedule' section, which features a calendar grid with colored cells representing assessment dates.

3. Click on the research recommendation drop down button



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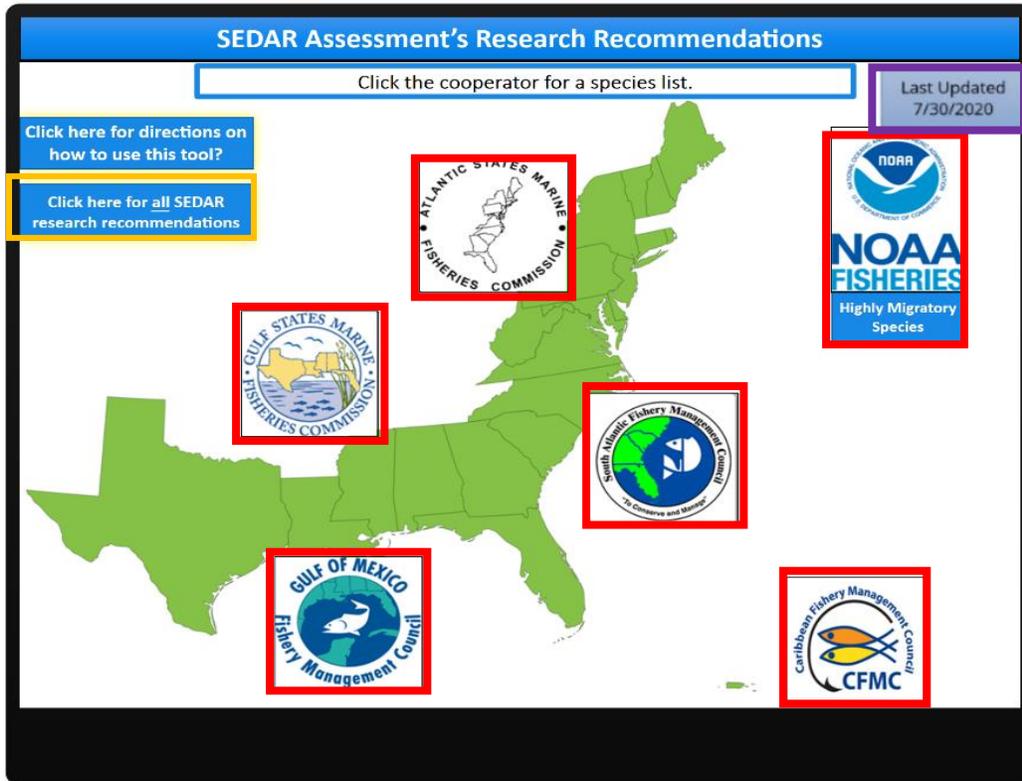
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4. Click on the link that says “Open Research Recommendations Search Tool”

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the SEDAR website. The browser's address bar shows the URL `sedarweb.org/research-recom`. The website header includes the SEDAR logo and navigation links: "About", "SEDAR Projects", "Find a Project", and "How to Get Involved". The main content area features the heading "Research Recommendations" and a paragraph explaining the purpose of the research recommendations. A red rectangular box highlights a button labeled "Open Research Recommendations Search Tool". Below this button is a link: "Click here for a PDF of all Research Recommendations". To the right of the text is a circular logo for "SOUTHEAST Data, Assessment & Review" featuring a compass rose and a fish. Below the logo is a "SEDAR Assessment Quick-links" section with a grid of numbered buttons (01-74) and an "Upcoming Events" button.

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5. Click the cooperators you are interested in.



If you are not sure who assessed the species, click on the Cooperator closest to your area of interest. Note: Highly Migratory Species manages species throughout the Southeast US.

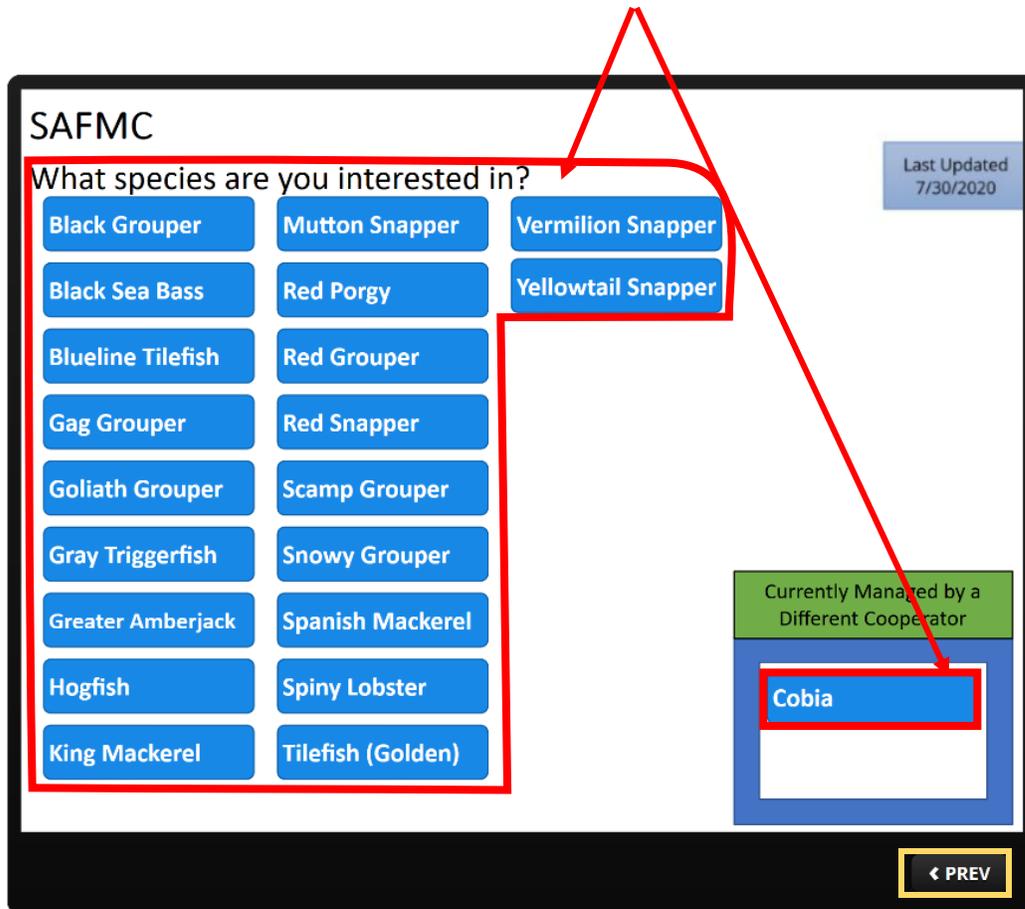
If you wish to look at the research recommendations for every SEDAR assessment click on the button in the top left corner.

If you want to know when the app was last updated, please look at the date in the top right-hand corner.

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6. Click the species you are interested in.

If a species is unavailable, then that species has not been assessed for that cooperater. The species may have been assessed for a different cooperater. To find a list of all species assessed through SEDAR, go to: <http://sedarweb.org/find-by-species>



If you clicked on the wrong cooperater click on the previous button in the bottom right corner to go back to the home page. Do not use the back button of your browser.

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7. Click on the SEDAR whose research recommendations you are interested in. Research recommendations for your species of interest are available. The SEDAR button with the highest number is the most recent list of research recommendations.

<http://sedarweb.org/find-by-species>

Oldest

Tilefish

Last Updated
7/30/2020

SEDAR 04

SEDAR 25

Newest

The most current assessment has the highest SEDAR number

**SEDAR 25 was updated in 2013. Updates do not include research recommendations.

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If you clicked on the wrong species click on the previous button in the bottom right corner to go back to the list of species for this cooperater. Do not use the back button of your browser.

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FAQs:

Why is there more than one SEDAR number listed under some species names?

While each assessment is supposed to address previous research recommendations, sometimes the constraint of time/resources makes it difficult. With the goal on maintaining SEDAR as a public process, all research recommendations, historical and present, have been made available.

Some update assessments have buttons, and some are listed at the bottom. Why?

Updates are not required to produce research recommendations. If an update produced research recommendations, it will have a button that leads to the PDF of the research recommendations produced. If the update did not produce research recommendations, then there will be a box at the bottom of the species page informing you of when the update occurred, and that there are no research recommendations.

How often is this updated?

This tool is updated twice a year. If you are aware that an assessment has been conducted, but the research recommendations are not available, please go to <http://sedarweb.org/sedar-projects> for the most up to date list of all assessments or contact the SEDAR coordinator in charge of that project.