



# SEDAR

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### SEDAR Steering Committee

March 2, 2011  
Conference Call

### FINAL Meeting Summary

#### Attendance

Members: Bonnie Ponwith, Roy Crabtree, Bob Mahood, David Cupka, Steve Bortone, Eugenio Pinero, Karyl Brewster-Geisz, Larry Simpson, Vince O'Shea

Other Attendees: John Carmichael, Kari Fenske, Julie Neer, Rick Leard, Ryan Rindone, Claudia Friess

The Steering Committee met on March 2, 2011 via conference call to discuss the recommendations of the SEDAR Procedures Task Force and finalize procedural changes proposed in October 2010.

The following guidance was provided by the Committee during the review of the task force proposal.

- Add a SEDAR goal to address consistency and documentation. Staff will prepare alternatives for review at the next meeting.
- The Science Center will be responsible for preparing the first draft of Terms of Reference for future SEDAR assessment projects. SEDAR Coordinators will initiate TOR development and distribute subsequent drafts to the Councils for further review and approval.
- SEDAR template TORs will be updated to reflect the procedural changes. Science Center staff will work with SEDAR staff for this update. Revised TORs will be provided for Steering Committee in May.
- A checklist of common issues to be addressed in each assessment should be developed.
- The Committee did not endorse the suggestion of the Task Force to remove the requirement that peer review panels provide stock status determinations.
- Peer Review TORs should be modified to ensure that panels characterize uncertainty.
- Intercessional workshops were endorsed as an effective means of dealing with issues that affect multiple assessments. Such workshops should provide best practices guidance.
- Language in the guidelines addressing 'new' assessment models should be clarified, and distinctions drawn between actual model structures and specific software packages.



- No expiration date should be applied to standard and update assessments. The type of assessment pursued should be based on data and analytical concerns.
- Councils were instructed to include their SSCs in assessment planning efforts, especially in determining the type assessment that should be pursued. Such advice should be obtained prior to the Committee's annual May meeting.

The Steering Committee supported the Gulf Council's desire to conduct update assessments of triggerfish and vermilion snapper in 2011.

#### Overview of Modified SEDAR Assessment Categories

Type	Workshops	Review	Flexibility	Timing
Benchmark	3	Independent Panel	Full	Flexible
Standard	1	SSC	New data, new series if compatible with benchmark model, evaluate configuration and assumptions in response to new information	within 1 year of terminal data year
Update	None	SSC	New data only	within 1 year of terminal data year

The SEDAR Steering Committee approved this report, May 2011.