

SEDAR Steering Committee
February 1 – 2, 2005
Summary of Approved Actions and Tasks

SEDAR Steering Committee Charge

- Agreed to expand Steering Committee role to also include management activities coordination.
- Additional responsibilities will be added to the Agenda for the next meeting.

SEDAR Research Recommendations

- Request that any requests for proposals (e.g. MARFIN or Cooperative Research Program) include specific needs identified in SEDAR assessment reports as well as needs for species on the SEDAR schedule.
- Request that Council SSC's prioritize SEDAR research needs and identify specific items with proven assessment implications
- Encourage Council's to conduct outreach activities to distribute SEDAR research needs to a larger audience.

Long Term Planning

- Agreed to establish the SEDAR schedule at least 3 years in advance and to identify priority species for an additional 3 years.
- Current Schedule: (cycle timing in parentheses)
 - SEDAR 9 gulf vermillion, greater amberjack, gray trigger. (Jul – Dec 2005)
 - SEDAR 10: Gulf and SA GAG (Jan – June 2006)
 - SEDAR 11 – King Mackerel (Jul – Dec 2006)
 - SEDAR 12 – Gulf Red Grouper (Jan – June 2007)
 - SEDAR 13 – Carib Yellowfin Grouper, Mutton snapper, and queen conch. (Jul – Dec 2007)
 - SEDAR 14 – SA Red snapper White grunt. (Jan – June 2008)
 - SEDAR 15 – Gulf Yellowedge, data /consider tilefish for assessment (Jul – Dec 2008)
- Possible that Red Drum escapement will not require evaluation at the SEDAR 9 Review.
 - Coordinator will contact GSMFC to determine status of red drum evaluation
 - Documentation should be provided to SERO ASAP for Report to Congress
- Updates:
 - SA red porgy in Fall 2005 – Completed by 1/1/2006 for March 2006 Council Meeting.
 - SA Vermillion in 2007
- At the next meeting
 - Identify species for SEDAR 16– 19
 - Schedule Goliath Grouper update
 - Consider Hogfish update

TASK : Councils should identify priorities for 2009 – 2010

TASK: Coordinator will update the planning schedule

SEDAR Procedural Issues

SEDAR Charge

- Agreed that SEDAR primary objective is benchmark stock assessments
- Agreed that SEDAR does not have to be the sole source of assessment information in the region.

Review Workshops

- Agreed to modification of review panel composition, starting with SEDAR 9:
 - Goal is to increase independence and scientific rigor of the review

Composition of Panel : 3 CIE reviewers, 1 outside/independent Chair/Facilitator.
Councils/SERO continue to send representatives to observe and answer questions
Continue format of presentation by assessment team and exchange with the Panel.

Workshop Tasks and Responsibilities

- Agreed that Council Staff will serve as rapporteur for Data and Assessment Workshops
- Agreed to the Operations Committee's recommend 'job list' for Data and Assessment Workshops

SEDAR Reports

- Agreed to rename 'advisory report' as 'assessment summary',
- Agreed to make the advisory report an Assessment team product, due 2 weeks following the Review.

Scheduling and Appointments

- Encourage to make DW and AW appointments at the same time, at least 2 months before DW.
- Supported recommended workshop timing, with provision that cycles are completed in 6 months.
- Support avoiding strict deadlines in workshop prep and
- Supported organizational conference calls with coordinator and workgroup leaders prior to each workshop.
- Agreed to continue with single AW format

Assessment Updates

- Agreed to review by Council SSC's
- Agreed update reports may be brief with only the new data tabulated, but all results must be presented thoroughly.

Need for improved data evaluation

- Clarify TOR for DW and AW to require adequate data evaluation (e.g. of surveys)

TASK : Coordinator will draft language, distribute prior to next meeting for comment.

Default projection scenarios

- Agreed to a suite of standard projection scenarios.

Standard Methods

- Agreed to modify TOR and Procedures to reflect that the only acceptable models for SEDAR are those included in the NMFS toolbox.

TASK: Coordinator will make appropriate changes to SEDAR guidelines prior to next meeting.

South Atlantic Black Sea Bass Update

- Assessment Workshop will be held March 15 – 17, with an alternate of March 29-31.
- SEFSC will provide a workshop chair from outside the population dynamics group.

SEDAR Administrative Responsibility

- Agreed that SEDAR Staff/SAFMC will continue to provide lead administrative duties.
- Lead Councils will assist with workshop administrative support
- Lead Council will assist in locating meeting facilities
- Each Council will continue to make appropriate appointments and initial invitations.

SEDAR Budget Planning

- Revise budget request to reflect all expenses – council related travel for all workshops/all councils.

Outstanding Participation Requests

- SEFSC will provide appointments to SEDAR 8 AW

- SEFSC will review Florida Spiny Lobster request for broader assessment expertise.
- Agreed that when making appointments, Councils should clearly state which designees are panelists and which are observers.
- Agreed the SAFMC and GMFMC should constrain appointments to SEDAR 8 RW to 1 or 2 representatives to prevent the panel becoming too large.

Participation by International Scientists

- Agreed to support and encourage broad participation in SEDAR Data and Assessment Workshops.
- Steering Committee has no intention of limiting international participation

TASK : Chairman will contact NOAA international office to determine process for involvement of international scientists, including those from Cuba.

Stock Assessment Training

- Agreed to support efforts to increase Cooperative Research Units in the Southeast.
- Consider making training efforts of CRU's available to state agency scientists.

Sharks and SEDAR

- Agreed to extend an invitation to HMS to attend the next meeting

TASK: Chair will send letter to HQ (Lent, Dunnigan, Rogers) notifying of next meeting date and inviting them to attend.

Social and Economic Analyses

- Agreed to encourage continued and increased involvement of social and economic scientists in SEDAR Data and Assessment workshops. Note that this is intended to ensure compatibility in basic datasets and facilitate exchange of methods and ideas, and is not intended in any way to shift the charge of SEDAR workshop away from biological analyses.

Next Meeting

The next steering committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for noon August 2 thorough noon August 3 at the SERO.