

# SEDAR

## *SouthEast Data, Assessment, and Review*

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council  
Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council  
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### SEDAR Steering Committee

May 5, 2008

St. Thomas, USVI

#### Agenda

**9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

1. Introduction and Opening Remarks
2. Agenda Review
3. Election of Chair
4. Approval of Minutes: October 2007 Meeting
5. Update on Recent Activities
  - a. Recently Completed Activities
    - SEDAR 13: HMS Small Coastal Sharks
    - SEDAR 14: Caribbean Yellowfin Grouper, Mutton Snapper, Queen Conch
    - SEDAR 15: SA Red Snapper and Greater Amberjack
  - b. Current Assessment Activities
    - SEDAR 16: King Mackerel
    - SEDAR 17: SA Spanish Mackerel, Vermilion Snapper
    - SEDAR 18: Red Drum
    - SEDAR 19: SA & GOM Hogfish, SA white grunt
  - c. Other Activities
    - SEDAR Procedural Workshop 1: Indices
    - SEDAR Procedural Workshop 2: Catchability
    - SEDAR Data Evaluation Workshop 1: Caribbean Data Review
6. Review of SEDAR Update Process
7. Future Shark-HMS SEDAR Process

**ACTION:** Consider the SEDAR process as applied to shark assessments
8. Schedule Review
  - a. Priority benchmark assessments for 2010/2011 MSRA requirements
  - b. Update assessments
  - c. Sharks

**ACTION:** Consider Schedule Changes

9. Prioritized Data Needs

**ACTION:** Develop a list of priority species for assessments and data collection.

10. Procedural Issues

- a. Determination of Best Available Science
- b. Management Information Development
- c. Assessment Workshop Objectives & Process
- d. Completion of Assessment Workshop Reports
- e. SEDAR Data Spreadsheet and Data Compiler
- f. State Cooperative Statistics Agreements
- g. Post-SEDAR revisions and updates

**ACTION:** Recommendations for each item

11. Increasing Assessment Productivity

**ACTION:** Consider means of increasing assessment productivity to maintain statutory compliance

12. Future Procedural Workshops

**ACTION:** Recommend topics for the next series of procedural workshops

13. Regional Management Coordination

- a. Update from April 22-23 Regional Operations Meeting
- b. Evaluate whether to continue this activity via SEDAR Steering Committee
- c. Council Activities Updates
  - GMFMC
  - SAFMC
  - CFMC
- d. SERO Outlook
- e. SEFSC Outlook

**ACTION:** Suggestions or recommendations for Council consideration.

14. Budget Update

15. Other Business

16. Next Meeting

October/November 2008, SAFMC host.

17. Adjourn