



SEDAR

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SEDAR Steering Committee

June 21, 2010
Conference Call

Final Meeting Summary

Attendance

Committee Members:

Graciela Garcia-Moliner, CFMC
Steve Bortone, GMFMC
Rick Leard, GMFMC
Bob Gill, GMFMC
Duane Harris, SAFMC
Bob Mahood, SAFMC
Larry Simpson, GSMFC
Vince O'Shea, SAFMC
Roy Carbtree, SERO
Bonnie Ponwith, SEFSC

Others:

David Cupka, SAFMC
John Carmichael, SEDAR
Julie Neer, SEDAR
Kari Fenske, SEDAR

Discussion:

1. SEDAR brochure, logo, and letterhead

The Committee reviewed and accepted the provided SEDAR logo, letterhead, and brochure. It was suggested to clarify in the brochure the opportunity for public and stakeholder participation in the process. SEDAR staff will solicit bids for printing the brochure for use and distribution by all partners.

2. Assessment Schedule

Discussion of the 2011 assessment plan began with a question of overall capacity and possible Gulf of Mexico oil spill impacts. Chair Ponwith reported that the SEFSC is working to add additional positions and increase overall capacity, but this is a long term process and it is difficult to quantify capacity in terms of individual assessments. The oil spill is not significantly impacting assessment resources at the present time.

The Committee approved the following projects for 2011:



Gulf of Mexico Menhaden - SEDAR Review.

Note: SEFSC will consider assessment resources available for this project and possible lead agencies.

South Atlantic Assessment Updates

Golden Tilefish, Red Porgy, and Gag

Resources are to be allocated and prioritized in that order.

Gulf of Mexico Assessment Updates

Vermilion snapper and gray triggerfish

Florida FWC

Yellowtail Snapper benchmark

Priorities discussed for 2012 and beyond:

1. Coastal Migratory Pelagic Complex: 2012
2. Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper benchmark: 2012
3. South Atlantic Golden Crab
4. Wreckfish

3. Developing Issues

The Committee raised additional concerns with the overall assessment capacity, and the ability of the process to meet assessment needs under the revised act requirements for annual catch limits. Assessment timeliness must be improved.

The lack of a clear assessment workload was raised as an impediment to effective planning. Each Council was directed to develop a prioritized list of stocks to be assessed in the future that includes the desired level of assessment (e.g., age based, production, or survey approaches) and the timing between benchmark and updates. The Steering Committee will meet in Fall 2010, after the Councils have an opportunity to meet and develop their assessment prioritization lists.