

SEDAR Assessment Process and Timing Revision Proposal

The following proposal was developed by SEDAR Staff for Steering Committee consideration. It proposes a modified workshop-webinar approach for the assessment process as a means of retaining the best aspects of both.

Modified Webinar-Workshop Benchmark Assessment Process

1) Data Finalization Webinar

Participants: Data and Assessment Workshop Panelists
Format: Webinar
Timing: 2 weeks following availability of final data (mid-June)
Objective: Resolve any lingering data issues, post-DW changes, approve Final dataset.

2) Base Model Development Workshop

Participants: Assessment Workshop Panel and 1 CIE
Method: Workshop Meeting (3-4 days)
Timing: 4 weeks following final data availability (mid-late July)
Objective: Develop a base model configuration
Develop list of sensitivity analyses
Recommend uncertainty evaluations

3) Assessment Evaluation Webinars

Participants: Assessment Workshop Appointees
Method: Webinars; estimate 3 @ 4h for 1 stock.

NOTE: FRN notices and required timing (3 weeks advance) negate the flexibility benefit of webinars. Staff suggests evaluating the feasibility of noticing a window of time for webinars and including instructions for obtaining specific times.

Timing: 2 through 8 weeks following prior workshop (August-Sept)
(Duration depends on number of stocks and workload)

NOTE: Timing and duration may be influenced by availability of CIE reviewer report if retained. 4-6 weeks are required between conclusion of a workshop and availability of CIE reviewer report.

Objective: Final model configurations, sensitivities, uncertainties, and projections

4) Approximate annual timing:

DW in May
Final Data June 1
Data Finalization Webinar: June 15
AW workshop : July 15
AW webinars: August 1-Sept 15
RW- 1st week October
SSC Review - 2nd week November
Report to Council - Dec (SAFMC), Feb (Gulf)