



SEDAR

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SEDAR Steering Committee

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Final Meeting Summary

1. Introduction and Opening Remarks

The Committee approved summaries from the October 2010 and March 2011 meetings.

2. Activities Update

SEDAR 27 Benchmark (yellowtail snapper and Gulf of Mexico Menhaden): The Committee agreed that the Gulf and South Atlantic Council should each appoint 2 SSC members to serve as reviewers on the Review Workshop Panel, and that the Gulf Council will appoint a chair from its SSC.

DWH Workshop: The committee recommended that individuals experienced with oil spill, such as the Exxon Valdez, be invited to participate in the DWH workshop. In particular, they should be asked to relay lessons learned, especially with regard to data collection in the early stages.

3. SEDAR Guidelines and Policy Documentation

The Committee approved the revised SEDAR guidelines. Specific changes made during discussion include the following:

- eliminate the Steering Committee vice-Chair position.
- travel support and salaries for Council members attending SEDAR workshops will be provided by the appointing Council.
- Council shall appoint 2 SSC representatives to SEDAR benchmark review panels. For stocks managed by multiple Councils, each Council with a management interest shall appoint 2 SSC representatives.
- Clarified that SSCs should recommend to the Council whether assessments represent Best Scientific Information Available.
- Discussed adding SSC chairs to the Steering Committee, and decided instead to create a SEDAR Technical Committee (see addendum 1) to obtain feedback on scheduling, workload, and procedures.

4. Revised Terms of Reference



Committee members are asked to provide comment on the draft TOR revisions by June 20. This issue will be addressed in detail at the next meeting.

5. SEDAR Schedule and Workload Planning

The Committee reviewed 2012 assessment projects and discussed methods of increasing feedback to the committee from SSCs and agency scientists. The final 2011-2012 work plan, and proposed assessment priorities for 2013-2015, is provided in Table 1.

Schedule revisions for 2012 include:

- Eliminated the king mackerel benchmark. King mackerel will be considered in a future update, timing is not set at this time. This will allow ageing effort to be directed toward Spanish mackerel and cobia, as both the Gulf and South Atlantic Councils indicated these stocks are higher priorities than King. King has been assessed several times through SEDAR and is neither overfished nor overfishing.
- A benchmark project cycle will be devoted to Gulf and South Atlantic Spanish Mackerel and Cobia. This project will likely start in mid-2012 and should include data through 2011.
- South Atlantic white grunt will be benchmark assessed in 2012. The SAFMC request to replace white grunt with gray trigger was rejected, based on the inability to complete life history work for this stock in the time allotted. This project will likely begin in Summer 2012 to include data through 2011.
- South Atlantic vermilion snapper and red porgy, update assessment, including data through 2011 and provided to the SAFMC SSC in late October 2012.
- Gulf of Mexico red snapper, as a standard assessment, using data through 2011.
- Caribbean blue tang, white grunt, and queen trigger benchmark assessments.
- Florida FWCC, mutton snapper standard assessment, tentative and dependent upon FL FWCC activities.

Increasing schedule feedback.

The Committee recognizes the need to increase feedback on assessment priorities and scheduling from SSCs and agency scientists. The SEDAR Technical Committee (addendum 1) will be convened electronically, prior to the next Steering Committee meeting, to review stocks proposed for assessment in 2013 and beyond. The committee will consider analytical and life history needs in recommending which stocks can be assessed for 2013, what type of assessment should be pursued, and how projects should be scheduled during the year to optimize productivity and data timeliness. The Steering Committee will review these recommendations at its next meeting, expected in October 2011, and finalize the 2013 work plan. No further changes in the assessment work plan for 2013 will be considered following this action.

6. SEDAR Website Design Proposal

Committee members are asked to review the website proposal powerpoint and submit comments to SEDAR staff by July 1. This issue will be addressed at the next meeting.

7. Summary Report Revision

This issue will be addressed at the next meeting.

8. Budget Report

Bob Mahood briefed the Committee on the budget. The 2011 budget is delayed due to delays with the overall federal budget.

9. Other Business

None.

10. Next Meeting

The Committee will meet in Fall 2011.

The Committee will meet in conjunction with the 2012 CCC meeting.

Motions.

Approve the October 2010 meeting summary. Carried.

Approve the March 2011 meeting summary. Carried.

Appoint 2 SSC members from each SSC (Gulf and South Atlantic) to the SEDAR 27 Review. Carried.

Approve the SEDAR Procedures Guide as modified. Carried.



Addenda 1.

SEDAR Technical Committee Proposal

Committee Name: SEDAR Technical Committee

Meeting Approach: Remote - call or webinar

Charge:

Recommend future assessment priorities

Develop initial assessment project timing, based on analytical and life history workloads, for future years.

Membership, designated by Steering Committee members:

SSC Chairs

HMS tech rep

Representatives of lead assessment teams (e.g., Miami, Beaufort, Panama City SEFSC teams; FL FWCC)

SEFSC Data Group

MARMAP and SEAMAP

SEFIS (Southeast Independent Survey)

SERO

Commission representatives

Table 1. SEDAR Proposed Assessment Projects, 2011-2015

SEDAR STEERING COMMITTEE

May 2011

Year # Stocks Status	SEFSC Beaufort Team		SEFSC Miami Team		SEFSC Panama City	FL FWCC
	South Atlantic	Commissions	Gulf	Caribbean	HMS Sharks	FL
2011 9 in prog.	1. BSB STD 2. Tile STD (SEDAR 25)	B3. Gulf Menhaden (SEDAR 27)	1. VS U 2. gray Trigger U 3. DWH Issues	4. silk snapper, parrotfish, queen snapper B MPA WS (SEDAR 26)	None	1. Yellowtail Snapper (SEDAR 27)
2012 12 FINAL	1. White grunt B 2. Vermilion U 3. Red porgy, U 4. Spanish Mack, B		1. Red snap STD 2. Spanish Mack, B 3. Cobia GoM B 4. Cobia Atl B 7. DWH issues	5. and 6. Blue tang white grunt queen trigger	1.	1. Mutton STD
2013 17 <i>FINALIZE 10/11</i>	1. Wreckfish B (through ICES?) 2. Warsaw grouper B 3 Speck hind B 4. Snowy grpr TBD 5. Gag TBD 6. Red snapper B Scamp B Blueline tilefish B Gray trigger B	Atlantic Menhaden STD or U Spot Review - ASFMC Lead	1. Gag B 2. Red group S 3. GAJ S 4. Gray snap B 5. VS Type TBD 6. Scamp, Gulf B 7. Scamp, Atl? B	await data developments, red hind interest	1. 2.	1. hogfish



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2014 15 Prelim 10/11	1. dolphin B 2. wahoo B 3. RS U 4. GAJ U 5. Gold Crab B	6. Gulf Menh Atl croaker, Review ASMFC Lead	1. Gray Trigger U 2. 3. 4. 5.	6. 7.	1. 2.	1.
2015 15 Prelim 10/11	1. gray snap B 2. Black Sea bass U 3. gray trigger B 4. 5.	6. Red Drum A	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	6. 7.	1. 2.	1.
2016 15 Prelim 10/11	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.		1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	6. 7.	1. 2.	1.