

Fishery Performance and History – Species X, SEDAR XX

**Note: please provide as much information you are comfortable giving.*

Please provide some background information about yourself. Where is your home port, what species do you target, what gear do you use (now and in the past), what sector(s) do you fish, how long have you fished (in general and for species X specifically)?

Where do you fish for Species X? What seasons and depths to you fish for Species X?

How does the size and number of Species X that you catch now compare to catches from the past 5 years, 10 years, or longer, considering use of the same gear and in the same areas?

Describe any factors that you think affects your ability to catch Species X and when these things occurred.

For example:

1. environmental factors such as extreme temperatures, hurricanes, Gulf Stream location, algae blooms, etc
2. economic factors such as price of gas, customer availability, US economy
3. technological factors such a new GPS unit, receipt of new fishing location information, new gear design, improvements to you vessel or vessels in general, etc
4. management factors such as new regulations or regulations on other species that have an effect on Species X

What trends do you see in the discarding of fish? Are you discarding more or less fish now? Are discards due to size or catch limits?

What issues do you feel are important for this assessment of Species X to consider?

What concerns do you have about the species?

How do you think the abundance of Species X today compares to the past (give years for the comparisons)?