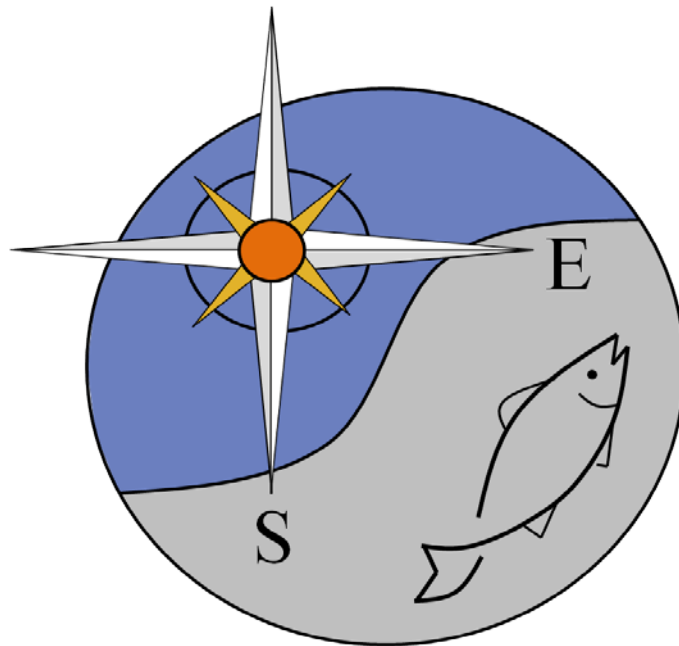


# **SEDAR**



**SEDAR Steering Committee**

**Meeting Brief**

**January 30, 2014**

**Webinar Meeting**

## PURPOSE

This meeting is convened to:

- Finalize action from October 2013
- Determine 2015 assessment projects
- Consider long term assessment priorities

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Attachment 2. SEDAR Project List

Attachment 3. Gulf Council Assessment Request

Attachment 4. South Atlantic Council Assessment Request

Attachment 5. SEDAR Assessment Project Details, 2013 - 2016

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## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Documents

Agenda

Attachment 1. October 1-2, 2013, Meeting Summary

### 1.2. Action

Introductions

Review and Approve Agenda

Approve February 2013 Meeting Summary

## 2. Review of October 2013 Meeting Actions

### 2.1. Summary

The Steering Committee met October 1-2, 2013, in Charleston, SC. The Committee decided to withhold final action on most discussion topics due to the Federal Government shut down in effect at that time, as it prevented 3 members from attending the meeting.

Full details of the discussions are provided in the meeting summary (Attachment 1). The list that follows under Action Items summarizes the recommendations and is provided to guide discussion during this meeting, and is taken from the October meeting summary document.

### 2.2. ACTION ITEMS

- Supported developing a new website and moving it to an outside host.
- Agreed that webinar participation is not practical for Data Workshops.
- Supported convening a Data Methods Workshop to develop data best practices guidelines for data workshops
- Agreed that assessment webinars, as currently conducted, are proving ineffective and inefficient at addressing assessment issues. Supported developing an IPT-like process for conducting assessments, that allows analysts to interact via email or conference call with technical and constituent appointees to develop the assessment model, and through which recommendations are reviewed through 2-3 webinars or a combination of webinars and meetings
- Recommended convening an Assessment Methods Workshop to develop best practices guidelines for assessments, in 2015 if funding is available.

- Supported additions to DW TORs addressing data uncertainties and obtaining reference documents addressing sampling programs and methods, to comply with revised NS2 guidelines.
- Suggested adding TORs or instructions to include information on sampling targets in the DW documentation.
- Agreed to reconsider the content and use of the Assessment Summary Report. Gulf Council representatives agreed to develop options and examples for consideration at the next meeting.
- Agreed that RW rapporteurs are no longer necessary.
- Supported providing clarification on public comment policies for SEDAR workshops.
- Supported obtaining the OMB COI form for all RW reviewers, per revised NS2 guidelines. Directed SEDAR Staff to pursue various logistical issues related to this new requirement.
- Recommended modifying the SEDAR guidelines to address desk reviews.
- Supported maintaining 3 assessment classifications, considering updates the default assessment type following initial benchmarks, and updates requiring less resources than benchmarks in planning.
- Supported allowing cooperators and lead assessment agencies to modify assessment plans, such as stocks to be assessed, without subsequent Steering Committee Action under limited circumstances and if specific criteria are met.
- Recommended that Cooperators include desired dissemination dates and terminal data years for requested assessments.
- Recommended that a representative of the FL FWCC assessment group be invited to join the Steering Committee.

### **3. SEDAR Assessment Schedule**

#### **3.1. Documents**

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#### **3.2. Overview**

Future assessment plans were discussed by the Steering Committee. Results are shown in Table 1.

Several additional documents are provided to help the Committee finalize the 2015 schedule and identify 2016 priorities. These include requests by the Gulf

(Attachment 3) and South Atlantic (Attachment 4) Councils. Council requests and Steering Committee recommendations are combined in Attachment 5.

**ACTION:** Determine assessment resources available for 2015-2016 and identify priority stocks.

#### **4. Other Business**

#### **5. Next Meetings**

The Committee suggested meeting in conjunction with the CCC in May, 2014. The CCC meeting will be held May 13-15, 2014, in Virginia Beach, VA. Meeting on Monday, May 12 will limit the Steering Committee to one day and require travel on Sunday.

#### **6. Adjourn**

Table 1. SEDAR Assessment Projects, 2013-2016.

YEAR	SAFMC/Commission (Beaufort)		GMFMC/CFMC (Miami)		HMS (SEFSC/PC)	FL FWC	Procedures
	SAFMC	Commissions	GMFMC	CFMC			
2013 FINAL	1. Gray trigger B delayed 2. Blueline Tile B 3. Snowy STD 4. Black Sea U	5. GOM Menhaden (Review)	1. & 2 Red Snapper 3. Gag B 4. GAJ B 5. King mackerel B	6. Red hind B	1. ATL Sharpnose STD 2. Bonnethead STD	1. Hogfish B	
2014 FINAL	1, 2. Red Snapper B 3. <i>Red porgy B</i> 4. Gag U <i>(Requested change, SEFSC: Delayed completion of red snapper, June 2015 RW. Replace red porgy with gray trigger. )</i>	5. ATL menhaden (Review)	1, 2. King Mack B 3, 4. Red Snapper U 5. Red Grouper B <i>(Requested change, GMFMC: switch start times of red grouper and red snapper, conclude red snapper for December 2014 Council meeting)</i>	6. Queen conch 7. Spiny lobster	1. Smoothhound B 2. <i>Finetooth B (Requested change, HMS: Drop finetooth, assess Gulf and SA Smoothound complexes)</i>	1. Black Grouper U	SA Shrimp Data Evaluation Best Practices workshop - Data Caribbean Data Poor Methods
2015	1,-3: RS/RP or GT (continue) 4-5. tilefish, vermilion, red grouper update 1,2: scamp/gray snapper B (begin)	ATL Red Drum (Review)	1. Vermilion B 2. Gray Trigger B 3. Scamp B 4. RS or RG 5. RS or RG (either RS or RG will roll over substantially into 2015; see discussion)	6. 7.	1. 2.	1. <i>Yellowtail Snapper U?</i>	Best Practices workshop - Assessment Methods
2016	1, 2: scamp/gray snapper B 3. Red porgy B 4. 5.		1. Gag U 2. GAJ U 3. Red drum B 4. Yellowedge Gr. S 5. Gray Snapper B				
2017							

Table 2. 2014-2016 Assessment Projects Scenario, based on the Committee approving all Council change requests noted in this document.

YEAR	SAFMC/Commission (Beaufort)		GMFMC/CFMC (Miami)		HMS (SEFSC/PC)	FL FWC	Procedures
	SAFMC	Commissions	GMFMC	CFMC			
2014	1-3: Red snapper/gray trigger B, begin 8/14 4. Gag U	5. ATL menhaden (Review)	1, 2. King Mack B 3, 4. Red Snapper U 5.	6. Caribbean Data poor wkshp 7. data poor assess stocks tbd	1, 2. Smoothhound, Atl & Gom, B	1. Black Grouper U <i>Mutton – early '14</i> <i>Hogfish – for review early '14</i>	1. SA Shrimp Data Evaluation 2. Best Practices -Data
2015	1,-3: RS/GT (cont) 4-5. tilefish, vermilion, red grouper update 1,2: scamp/gray snapper B (begin)	ATL Red Drum (Review) By Oct '15	1. Red grouper B 2. Vermilion B 3. Gray Trigger B 4. Scamp B 5. Red Snapper S	6. Queen conch 7. Spiny lobster	1. 2.	1. Yellowtail Snapper U	1. Best Practices - Assessment Methods
2016	1, 2: scamp/gray snapper B 3. Red porgy B 4. 5.	Croaker	1. Gag U 2. GAJ U 3. Red drum B 4. Yellowedge Gr. S 5. Gray Snapper B	6. Grunts 6spp		1 tbd	
2017							