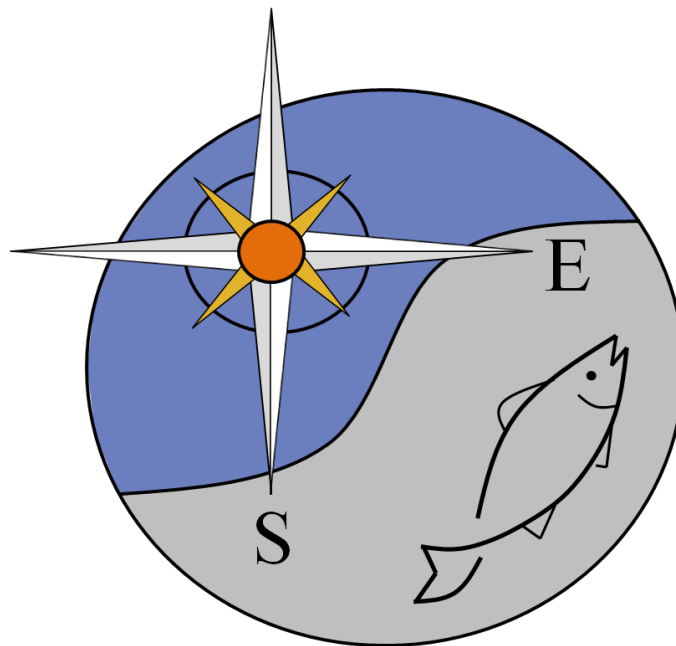


# **SEDAR**



**SEDAR Steering Committee**

**Meeting Brief**

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## **1. Introduction**

### **1.1. Documents**

Agenda  
Attachment 1. June 2014 Meeting Summary  
Attachment 2. Correspondence Received

### **1.2. Action**

Introductions  
Review and Approve Agenda  
Approve February 2013 Meeting Summary

## **2. SEDAR Project Updates**

### **2.1. Documents**

Attachment 3. Projects Report, October 2014  
Attachment 4. Data Methods Procedures Workshop Workplan

### **2.2. Summary**

Attachment 3 provides a summary of current and recently completed SEDAR assessment projects.

### **2.3. ACTION**

- Approve Data Methods Procedure Workshop Plan

## **3. Headboat Data Evaluation**

### **3.1. Documents**

Attachment 5. S41 webinar summary report

### **3.2. Overview**

A working paper submitted during SEDAR 41 questioned the validity of data collected during the early years of the headboat fishery. Such claims have arisen before, leading data and assessment panels to consider various analytical solutions such as assumed uncertainty levels, sensitivity runs and time periods for CPUE evaluations. Considering that many of the claims arise from a core area for the South Atlantic red snapper stock, concerns were raised after the Data Workshop concluded and that prior solutions remain under question, the SEDAR 41 Data Workshop Panel could not reach a consensus on a way forward with the assessment until this data is fully evaluated and the extent and nature of the reporting issues are determined and addressed.

During the September SAMFC Meeting SEFSC Director Dr. Ponwith indicated the center intended to develop and peer review a plan for addressing headboat reporting. The evaluation is likely to include focus groups, representing captains

who reported the information, and agency staff who compiled and evaluated the information. Data gathered through these groups will be evaluated to determine the appropriate response. All South Atlantic assessments are 'on hold' while this is resolved.

### 3.3. **ACTION**

- Provide guidance on the headboat data evaluation as appropriate.

## 4. **SEFSC Assessment Program Review**

### 4.1. **Documents**

### 4.2. **Summary**

The SEFSC Assessment Program Review was conducted July 7 – 10 in Miami, FL. There was considerable discussion on SEDAR. Two issues raised repeatedly mirror things discussed by the Steering Committee over the years, namely managing workload and increasing productivity.

## 5. **SEDAR SOPPS and PROCESS REVIEW**

### 5.1. **Documents**

Attachment 6. SEDAR SOPPS

Attachment 7. SEDAR Assessment Process Revision

### 5.2. **Summary**

At the prior meeting the Committee expressed an interest in reviewing the SEDAR SOPPS in detail. The Committee may wish to withhold discussion on SOPPS modifications until the final outcome from the SEFSC assessment program review is complete, or to address the various revisions suggested at this time. The Committee is also asked to consider process changes, including a revision to the assessment process discussed at the last several meetings.

#### *Assessment Process Update*

During prior meetings the Committee discussed modifications to the assessment development process that would streamline communication between the analysts and assessment panel, following an approach considered similar to the IPT approach used to develop FMPs. A draft of this process was prepared by staff and presented to SERO legal counsel for comment. The revised version is provided here for Committee discussion. The approaches described here are consistent with long-standing Steering Committee guidance, expressed by this quote from the October 2007 meeting:

*The Committee recommended that it be clearly stated to all analytical teams that they shall be prepared to present a functioning model at the beginning of each assessment workshop, and that the analytical team should be encouraged to*

*communicate with others on the assessment workshop panel via email or conference call as necessary to develop a functioning model.*

#### *SOPPS Revisions*

During the prior SOPPs consideration that updated review procedures to address desk reviews, HMS noted a number of edits, possible clarifications, and potential changes to the SOPPs. These will be offered for Committee consideration.

The Gulf Council requested discussion on the need for transparent public access to working documents during workshops, especially the data workshop for attendees. Current policies are described in Section 5.2 on page 7 of the SOPPs.

#### **5.3. Actions**

- Approve proposed revisions to the assessment process
- Consider SOPPs modifications

### **6. Assessment Project Schedule**

#### **6.1. Documents**

Attachment 8. 2015 Project Schedule

Attachment 9. SEDAR Project List

#### **6.2. Summary**

The committee is asked to finalize 2015 projects and identify future priorities.

Highlighted Cooperator changes and requests:

- GMFMC Red Snapper 2015: Council requested benchmark ASAP
- GMFMC Red Drum 2016: Council requested consideration as a data poor assessment, in conjunction with other stocks to be named by the Council.
- ASMFC requested addition of spot to 2016 review
- SAFMC informed all assessments on hold pending headboat data evaluation
- FL FWCC is considering a change in black grouper, 2015.

#### **6.3. Actions**

- Finalize 2015 projects
- Identify 2016-2018 priorities
- Determine deadline to identify stocks to assess with Gulf red drum

Table 1. Assessment Project Schedule and Details 2013 - 2016, based on Steering Committee recommendations of June 2014 and subsequent Cooperator requests.

Start Year	SEDAR #	Stocks	Type	Terminal Data	SEDAR Concluded (dissemination)
2013	38	King mackerel	Benchmark	2012	August 2014
2014					
	39	HMS Smoothhound complexes	Benchmark	2012	March 2015
	40	Atl. menhaden	Review	2012	January 2015
	41	SA Red snapper and gray triggerfish	Benchmark	2013	UNK
	42	Gulf red grouper	Benchmark	2013	August 2015
	U	Gulf red snapper	Update	2013	December 2014
	43	Gulf gray triggerfish	Standard	2013	July 2015
2015					
2016	U	SA Red grouper	Update	2014	UNK
	44	Gulf Red Snapper	Standard	2014	Dec 2015
	45	Atlantic red drum	Review	2013	October 2015
	U	FL Black grouper	Update	2014	October 2015
	46	Caribbean data limited	Benchmark	2013	May 2016
	U	SA Golden Tilefish	Update	2014	UNK
	U	SA blueline tilefish	Update (Std)	2014	UNK
	U	FL Yellowtail Snapper (FWCC)	Update	2014	May 2016
	47	SA Scamp & Gray Snapper	Benchmark	2014	UNK
<b>ITEMS BELOW THIS POINT ARE TENTATIVE - TO BE FINALIZED BY STEERING COMMITTEE, October 2014</b>					
		Caribbean queen conch, spiny lobster	Benchmark	2014	
		SA red porgy	Benchmark	2014	October 1, 2016
		Atlantic Croaker	Review	2014	
		Gulf Vermilion Snapper	Update	2014	
		Gulf Menhaden	Std or Update	2015	
		Gulf red drum & other data poor	Benchmark	2015	
		Gulf yellowedge grouper	Standard	2015	
		Gulf gray snapper	Benchmark	2015	
		Caribbean Grunts	Benchmark	2015	
		Gulf greater amberjack	Update	2015	December 2016
		Gulf gag	Update	2015	December 2016
		FL Yellowtail snapper	Update	2015	April 2016
		HMS Blacktip SA	Benchmark		

Stock Assessment Schedule Worksheet. Stock are listed in the priority order of the Cooperator (where priorities have been identified)

YEAR	SAFMC/Commission (Beaufort)		GMFMC/CFMC (Miami)		HMS (SEFSC/PC)	FL FWC	Procedures
	SAFMC	Commissions	GMFMC	CFMC			
2015	1,-3: RS/GT (cont) 4. Red grouper U 5. (begin updates)	ATL Red Drum (Review) By Oct '15	1. Red grouper B 2. Gray triggerfish S 2. Red snapper S 4. Vermilion snap S 5.	6, 7. Data Poor	1, 2. Smoothhound	Black grouper U	1. Best Practices - Data
2016	1. Blueline U (to April) 2.Tilefish U (to April) 3. Red Porgy B 4,5: scamp/gray snapper B	ATL Croaker & Spot (R)	1. Gag U 2. GAJ U 3. Data Poor B (red drum and others) 4. Yellowedge Gr. S 5. Gray Snapper B	6.	1. 2	Yellowtail Snapper U	1. Best practices - Assessment
2017		Gulf Men S/U					

## **7. SEDAR Website Revisions**

### **7.1. Documents**

None.

### **7.2. Summary**

A newly designed SEDAR website with 3<sup>rd</sup> party commercial hosting is nearing completion. Staff is working to load past materials and refine the presentation and search and listing features. The site will be exhibited at this meeting.

## **8. Other Business**

The Gulf Council requested that the Committee rotate Steering Committee chairmanship among partners.

## **9. Next Meetings**

Based on past practices, the next meeting will be via webinar in late Spring 2015.

## **10. Adjourn**