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Projects Report

October 2015

Completed Projects, October 2014 – September 2015.

SEDAR 35 CFMC Red Hind, Benchmark

Coordinator: Julie Neer

Summary: The SEDAR 35 Caribbean red hind Data Workshop was held March 11-13, 2014, and the assessment webinars were held between May-July 2014. A CIE desk review of the assessment was conducted in September 2014. The final Stock Assessment Report was disseminated 20 October 2014.

SEDAR 37 FL Hogfish, Benchmark

Coordinator: Julie Neer

Summary: FL FWCC was the lead on this assessment which addressed 3 hogfish stocks. The final stock assessment report, along with the CIE reports, was distributed on 11 September 2014. SSC reviews were held in October 2014 (GMFMC) and April 2015 (SAFMC).

SEDAR 38 King Mackerel, Benchmark

Coordinator: Julie Neer

Summary: The Review Workshop was held August 11-15, 2014, and the Review Workshop report was received on 8 September. The final Stock Assessment Report was disseminated 29 September 2014. The South Atlantic Council SSC reviewed the assessment at its October 2014 meeting. The Gulf Council SSC reviewed the assessment at its January 2015 meeting.

SEDAR 39 HMS Smoothhound Sharks, Benchmark

Coordinator: Julie Neer

Summary: The Data Workshop was held May 19-23, 2014 in Charleston, SC. During the workshop, it was determined that two assessments would be conducted: one for smooth dogfish



(*Mustelus canis*) in the Atlantic, and one for the smoothhound complex that exists in the Gulf of Mexico. Assessment webinars were held September 2014 through January 2015. The Review Workshop was held February 10-12, 2015 in Panama City, FL. The final Stock Assessment Reports were disseminated 25 March 2015.

SEDAR 40 ASMFC Atlantic menhaden, Benchmark Review

Coordinator: Julia Byrd

Summary: The Review Workshop was held December 9-11, 2014 in Atlantic Beach, NC and the Review Workshop report was received on January 9, 2015. The final Stock Assessment Report was disseminated January 15, 2015.

SEDAR 43 Gulf of Mexico Gray Triggerfish Assessment, Standard

Coordinator: Julie Neer

Summary: An assessment following a Standard-track approach for Gulf of Mexico gray triggerfish was conducted in the first half of 2015. The in-person workshop was held April 21-23, 2015 in Miami, followed by a series of webinars to finalize the assessment. The final Stock Assessment Report was disseminated on 19 August 2015 and was reviewed by the Gulf Council SSC in September 2015.

MRIP Calibration Workshop II

SEDAR Contact: John Carmichael

Summary: SEDAR assisted NOAA Fisheries MRIP staff in conducting the second MRIP calibration workshop, devoted to addressing changes in the Access Point Angler Intercept Survey (APAIS). The workshop was held September 8 – 10, 2014 in North Charleston, SC. Several calibration alternatives were identified for evaluation and application. The final workshop report was distributed in April 2015. Calibrated values were used in recent stock assessments.

Projects in Progress

Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper, Update

Coordinator: Julie A Neer

Summary: An update to SEDAR 31 – Gulf of Mexico red snapper was conducted in 2014. The Gulf Council SSC reviewed the assessment in January 2015. While the assessment was presented and reviewed, to date no report has been provided to SEDAR for dissemination.

SEDAR 41 South Atlantic Red Snapper and Gray Triggerfish, Benchmark

Coordinator: Julia Byrd

Summary: The initial Data Workshop (DW) was held August 4-8, 2014 in Charleston, SC. The project was delayed to address concerns over accuracy of historic headboat catch records. A new schedule was approved in December 2014 delaying the assessment approximately one year and the terminal year of the assessment was changed to 2014. The SEFSC conducted a headboat data evaluation and submitted a working paper (SEDAR41-DW46) for review at the second DW.

The second, abbreviated DW was held August 4-6, 2015 in Charleston, SC. This workshop built on the work done at the 2014 DW – revisiting decisions only if new information or analyses were available. Otherwise datasets were updated with 2014 data using decisions from the 2014 DW. A post-DW webinar was held and the DW report is scheduled to be complete mid-September 2015. The Assessment process is scheduled as a combination of webinars and an in-person Assessment Workshop to be held November 17-20, 2015 in Morehead City, NC; and the Review Workshop is scheduled for March 15-18, 2016 in Atlantic Beach, NC.

SEDAR 42 Gulf of Mexico Red Grouper, Benchmark

Coordinator: Julie Neer

Summary: The Data Workshop was held November 17-21, 2014 in St. Petersburg, FL. The assessment webinars were held between March and June 2015. The Review Workshop was conducted in Miami, FL July 14-16, 2015. The Review Panel is currently finalizing their Summary report, and the final Stock Assessment Report should be distributed soon.

SEDAR 44 ASMFC Atlantic Red Drum, Benchmark

Coordinator: Julia Byrd

Summary: Underway. The Review Workshop was held August 25-27, 2015 in Charleston, SC. The Review Workshop report and Assessment Addendum are scheduled to be complete September 18, 2015. The final Stock Assessment Report will be available to ASMFC on September 25, 2015.

SEDAR 45 Gulf of Mexico Vermilion Snapper, Standard

Coordinator: Julie Neer

Summary: An assessment following a Standard-track approach for Gulf of Mexico vermilion snapper will be conducted in late 2015/early 2016. The in-person workshop will be held November 17-19, 2015 in Miami, followed by a series of webinars to finalize the assessment. The final Stock Assessment Report is scheduled to be disseminated February 2016 and should be reviewed by the Gulf Council SSC in May 2016.

SEDAR 47 Florida Goliath Grouper, Benchmark Review

SEDAR Contact: Julie Neer

Summary: Florida FWC will be the lead assessment team for this assessment, with SEDAR managing the Review portion of the assessment. The Project schedule was produced and approved in conjunction with FL FWC, and the assessment is currently underway. The Review Workshop (RW) will be held May 17-19, 2016. The South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Councils are reviewing the RW Terms of Reference. Appointments for SSC participation at the RW are also underway. .

Data Methods Procedural Workshop

SEDAR Contact: Julia Byrd

Summary: The SEDAR Data Best Practices workshop was held June 22-26, 2015 in Atlanta, GA. Prior to the workshop a series of focus group webinars was held to develop a data issue inventory to help identify the issues to be discussed at this workshop. Three post-workshop webinars were held between July and September 2015. The final workshop report will be available mid-September 2015.

Upcoming Projects – Planning Underway

HMS Dusky Shark, Update

SEDAR Contact: Julie Neer

Summary: Scheduled for completion in July, 2016.

SEDAR 48 Florida Black Grouper, Benchmark Review

SEDAR Contact: Julie Neer

Summary: Florida FWC will be the lead assessment team for this assessment, with SEDAR managing the Review portion of the assessment. The Project schedule is being produced in conjunction with FL FWC. The Review Workshop (RW) is tentatively scheduled for October/November 2016. The South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Councils will review the RW Terms of Reference and make appointments for SSC participation at the RW early 2016. . .

SEDAR 49 Gulf of Mexico Data-limited Species, Benchmark

SEDAR Contact: Julie Neer

Summary: A detailed project schedule has not yet been produced for this assessment. Workshop dates are currently scheduled for the following: Data Workshop – 2-6 May 2016; webinars – June through August 2016; Review Workshop November 1-3, 2016. These dates may be modified based on the recommendations that come out of the Data Best Practices Workshop.

SEDAR 50 ASMFC Spot and Croaker, Benchmark Review

SEDAR Contact: Julia Byrd

Summary: ASMFC will be the lead assessment team for this project, with SEDAR managing the Review portion of the assessment. Little discussion has occurred regarding the scheduling of this project other than the Review Workshop being tentatively scheduled for August 16-18, 2015, location TBD.

Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack, Update

SEDAR Contact: Julie Neer

Summary: Scheduled for completion in February 2017.

Gulf of Mexico Gag, Update

SEDAR Contact: Julie Neer

Summary: Scheduled for completion in January 2017.

South Atlantic Tilefish (Golden), Update

SEDAR Contact: Julia Byrd

Summary: This project was moved ahead in June 2015 following consultation between the SEFSC and SAFMC. Terms of Reference will be reviewed by the SAFMC in September 2015 and the management history has been provided to the SEFSC. It is now scheduled for completion in April 2016.

South Atlantic Red Grouper, Update

SEDAR Contact: Julia Byrd

Summary: Scheduled for completion in January 2017. Terms of Reference have been finalized and a data deadline has been set for August 2016.

South Atlantic Blueline Tilefish, Update

SEDAR Contact: Julia Byrd

Summary: Scheduled for completion in January 2017. A data deadline has been set for August 2016.