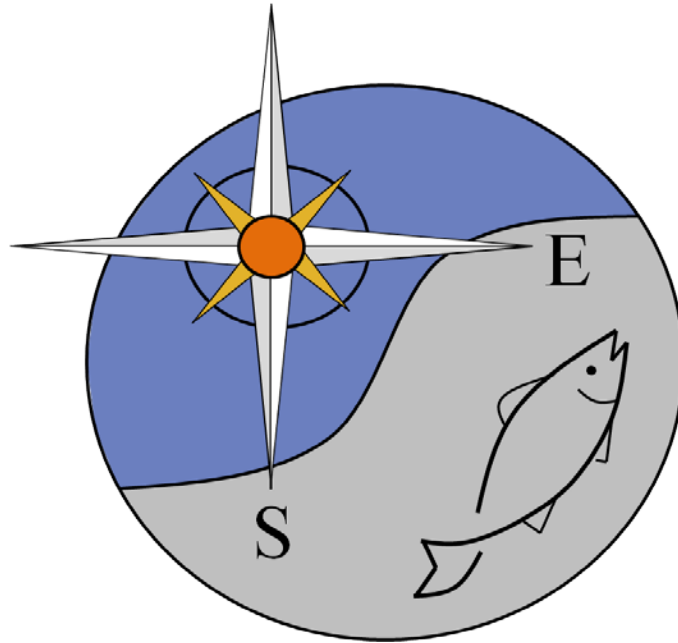


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1. Introduction

1.1. Documents

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Attachment 1. October 2015 Meeting Summary

1.2. Action

Introductions

Review and Approve Agenda

Approve October 2014 Meeting Summary

2. SEDAR Assessment Status Reports

2.1. Documents

Attachment 2. Projects Report Spring 2016

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Attachment 4. 2016 & 2017 Project Schedules

2.2. Summary

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

2.3. ACTION

- Project guidance as required.

3. Activities Reports

3.1. Documents

Attachment 5. Draft Data Best Practices Standing Panel Charge and TORs

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Attachment 7. MRIP Effort Survey Transition Fact Sheet.

3.2. Overview

Data Best Practices (Attachment 5)

The SEDAR Data Best Practices workshop was held June 22-26, 2015 in Atlanta, GA. Participants developed and documented many Best Practices that are being applied in current assessment projects. A Data Best Practices Standing Panel was formed in Fall 2015, and recently met, via webinar on April 13, to develop terms of reference and a charge for the Panel. These are offered for review and consideration by the Steering Committee. The Panel selected Dr. Shannon Calay as their chair.

The Panel discussed the upcoming Stock ID and Meristics Procedural Workshop (PW). This workshop was originally scheduled for 2016, but the Panel

recommended delaying this workshop until 2017 to allow more preparation time in order to address a larger group of species.

Additionally the Panel discussed potential topics for the next PW. The Steering Committee was interested in getting feedback on whether the next PW should address discard mortality or the effect of reproductive inputs on reference points. The Panel recommended holding a broader Procedural Workshop on reference points which would include the topic of reproductive inputs. The Panel noted that there are efforts to discuss reproductive measures/inputs nationally with meetings planned for later in 2016 and 2017 and that some of the SSC's have recently discussed reference point selection. The proposed workshop could build on these efforts. The Panel also recommended two additional Procedural Workshop topics to be considered in the future: Gulf of Mexico shrimp bycatch estimation and data limited method improvements/best practices.

NMFS Assessment Prioritization Tool Review

NOAA Fisheries developed a tool to help Councils and the agency prioritize assessments. It was presented to the SSCs and Councils during Fall and Winter 2015. The SAFMC SSC will review a draft application of the rule at its May 3-5 Meeting.

Each Council is asked to report to the Steering Committee on its progress in reviewing and applying the prioritization tool. Further discussion, including how the tool could be used to inform the SEDAR assessment schedule, is planned for the October 2016 Steering Committee meeting.

SEDAR Research Track Progress (Attachment 6)

SEFSC staff planned to present the proposed SEDAR Research Track benchmark approach to the Council SSCs between the October 2015 meeting and this meeting. The document provided will be presented to the SAFMC SSC, May 3-5, 2016, and includes suggestions of an earlier review by the GMFMC to include a timeline. The first test application of the research track approach is planned for the Gulf of Mexico-South Atlantic scamp assessment beginning in 2018. At this meeting, Councils are asked to brief the Steering Committee on their SSC reviews and comments, and provide guidance for further discussion at the October 2016 meeting.

Potential MRIP Revision Assessment Stocks (Attachment 7)

Some 2017 assessment resources were allocated to addressing revised MRIP estimates expected from the effort survey revisions. A task from the October 2015 meeting was for the SEFSC to score candidate stocks for MRIP revision assessments, provide results for SSC review in Spring 2016, and report priorities to the Steering Committee at this meeting. The transition plan indicates data will be available for inclusion on stock assessments in July 2017. Stocks should be identified by the October 2016 Steering Committee so they can be considered during the planning call in early 2017.

3.1. **Action**

- Review and provide feedback on the Data Best Practices Group Charge and TORs.
- Provide guidance on timing of the Stock ID and Meristics Workshop.
- Provide guidance on the topic for the next SEDAR Procedural Workshop.
- Provide guidance on use of the NMFS assessment prioritization tool for assessment scheduling in Fall 2016.
- Provide guidance on the research track approach for the 2018 scamp assessment.
- Provide guidance on identifying MRIP revision assessment priorities: role of SEFSC, Council and Council SSCs, and timing.

4. **Assessment Schedule Review**

4.1. **Documents**

Attachment 8. FL FWCC Memo on Black Grouper timing

4.2. **Summary**

Ongoing project details are addressed in the project status update (attachment 3). Future priorities are shown in the assessment list. Priorities for 2018 are shown in the schedule worksheet, as approved at the October 2015 meeting. Final approval of 2018 priorities is planned for the Fall meeting.

4.3. **Action**

- Review priorities for 2018 and beyond, and provide guidance to enable final approval of 2018 stocks at the Fall 2016 meeting.
- Consider species and timing of the planned Stock ID and meristics workshop
- Consider FL FWCC request to delay Black Grouper
- Consider timing for the yellowtail snapper benchmark

5. **Other Business**

6. **Next Meetings**

Based on past practices, the next meeting will be held in Charleston SC during the last two weeks of September.

7. **Adjourn**

Table 1. Assessment Project Schedule and Details Overview.

Start Year	SEDAR #	SPECIES & JURISDICTION	Assessment Track	Terminal Year of Data	Available to Cooperator
2014	35	CFMC red hind	Benchmark	2012	October 2014
	39	HMS smoothhound sharks, Gulf and Atlantic	Benchmark	2012	March 2015
	40	ASMFC Atlantic menhaden	Review	2012	January 2015
	41	SAFMC red snapper and gray triggerfish	Benchmark	2014	April 2016
	42	GMFMC red grouper	Benchmark	2013	August 2015
	U	GMFMC red snapper	Update	2013	December 2014
	U	SAFMC gag grouper	Update	2012	April 2014
2015	43	GMFMC gray triggerfish	Standard	2013	July 2015
	44	ASMFC red drum	Review	2013	October 2015
	45	GMFMC vermilion snapper	Standard	2014	March 2016
	46	CFMC data limited stocks	Benchmark	2013	May 2016
	47	FL FWC goliath grouper	Benchmark	2014	June 2016
2016	48	FL FWC black grouper	Benchmark	2015	April 2017
	49	GMFMC Data-limited species: red drum, lane snapper, wenchman, yellowmouth grouper, speckled hind, snowy grouper, Almaco jack, lesser amberjack	Benchmark	2014	December 2016
	50	SAFMC / MAFMC Atlantic blueline tilefish	Benchmark	2015	June 2017
	U	SAFMC tilefish	Update	2014	April 2016
	U	HMS dusky shark	Update	2015	July 2016
	U	GMFMC gag grouper	Update	2015	January 2017
	U	SAFMC red grouper	Update	2015	January 2017
	U	GMFMC greater amberjack	Update	2015	February 2017
2017	51	GMFMC gray snapper	Benchmark	2015	April 2018
	52	GMFMC red snapper	Standard	2016	March 2018
	U	SAFMC vermilion snapper	Update	2016	April 2018
	U	HMS Gulf of Mexico blacktip shark	Update	2016	April 2018
	R	SAFMC MRIP Catch Revisions		2016	TBD
	R	GMFMC MRIP Catch Revisions		2016	TBD
Future Priorities (tentative)					
2018		HMS Atlantic blacktip shark	Benchmark		
		SAFMC / GMFMC scamp	Benchmark		
		HMS sandbar shark	Benchmark		
		FL FWC yellowtail snapper	Benchmark		

(Table 1. Continued)

SEDAR Methods and Procedures Workshops		
Number	Year	Topic
1	2008	Indices Development and Evaluation
2	2008	Evaluating and Modeling Catchability
3	2009	Caribbean Data Review
4	2010	Evaluating Assessment Uncertainty
5	2012	GOM Episodic Events Workshop
6	2014	South Atlantic Shrimp Data Evaluation
7	2015	Best Practices, Data
	2016	Stock ID and Meristics Workshop
		Best Practices, Assessment

Table 2. Workload Planning Worksheet, 2016-2018.

YEAR	Quarter	South Atlantic Team					Gulf/Caribbean					HMS		FL FWCC	SEDAR
		1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	1	WS
2016	1	RSGT	RSGT			gT	GDL	GDL			CDL			GG	
	2	RSGT	RSGT				GDL	GDL			CDL			GG	
	3	BL					GDL	GDL							
	4	BL			RG		GDL	GDL	GAJ	GAG		DS			SID
2017	1	BL					GDL	GDL	GS					BLG	SID
	2	BL							GS					BLG	
	3	BL		MRIP					GS	MRIP				BLG	
	4		VS	MRIP				RS	GS	MRIP	RS	GBt		BLG	
2018	1	S/RT		MRIP			S/RT	RS	GS	MRIP	RS	GBt			
	2	S/RT		MRIP			S/RT			MRIP			SBS		
	3	S/RT					S/RT						SBS		ABP?
	4	S/RT					S/RT					ABt	SBS		ABP?
2019	1	S/RT					S/RT					ABt			
	2	S/RT					S/RT					ABt			
	3														
	4														

BENCHMARK

Benchmarks are in Bold. Project number listed where know, otherwise species listed. These require 5 quarters, 4 for the SEDAR process and 1 for SSC reporting and projections

Standard

Standard Projects in Italics. These require 2 quarters.

Update

Update Projects in plain font. These require 1 quarter.

Codes

gT	golden Tilefish	BL	Blueline Tilefish	RS	Red Snapper
S/RT	Scamp, Research Track Pilot	RG	Red Grouper	GAG	Gag Grouper
DS	HMS Dusky Shark	VS	Vermilion Snapper	SBS	Sandbar shark
GBt	Gulf Blacktip Shark	GAJ	Greater Amberjack	YTS	Yellowtail Snapper
RSGT	Red Snapper, Gray Triggerfish	ABt	Atlantic Blacktip Shark	GDL	Gulf Data Limited
BLG	Black Grouper (review only)	ABP	Best Practices, Assessments	GS	Gray Snapper, start time TBD
MRIP	Revision Updates for MRIP Data	GG	Goliath Grouper (review only)	SID	Stock ID and Meristics
CDL	Caribbean Data Limited				