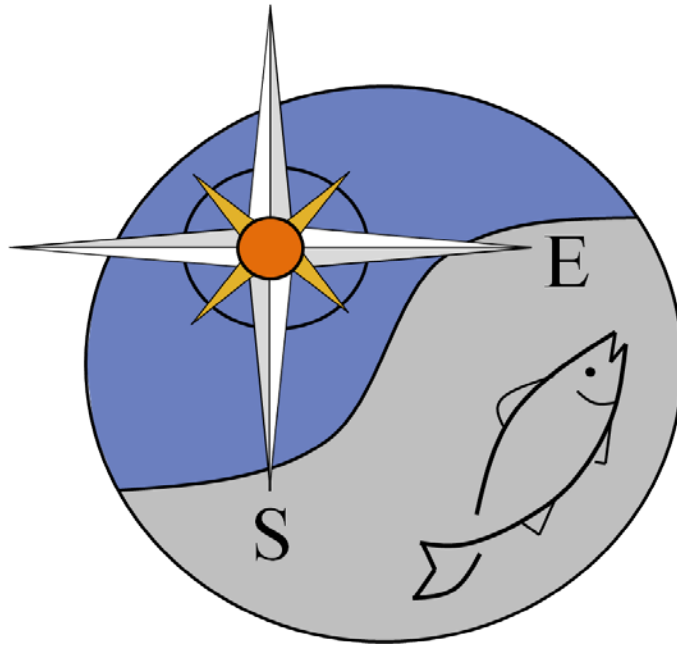


# **SEDAR**



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## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Documents

Agenda

Attachment 1. May 2017 Meeting Summary

### 1.2. Action

- Introductions
- Review and Approve Agenda
- Approve September 2018 Meeting Summary

## 2. SEDAR Development and Evolution

### 2.1. Documents

Attachment 2. SEDAR SOPPS

Attachment 3. SEDAR Development and Changes

Attachment 4. Assessment Productivity Overview

### 2.2. Summary

During the last several meetings the Steering Committee has extensively discussed the Research Track/Operational Assessment approach as a potential change in the SEDAR process to increase assessment productivity. While the SEDAR Steering Committee has grappled with meeting productivity needs since the very beginning of the program, many of the current members may not be aware of the changes and evolution of the program over time. During this topic, Staff will present a brief overview of the program, from its inception through the major changes that have led to the current approach.

Current SEDAR SOPPs are provided as Attachment 2. A review of major SEDAR program developments and Steering Committee recommendations is provided in Attachment 3. Attachment 4 gives a snapshot of SEDAR assessment productivity over time.

### 2.3. Action

- Informational; none required

## 3. Future Approach and Process

### 3.1. Documents

Attachment 5. Research Track Background

Attachment 6. Research track reference docs

Attachment 7. SEFSC proposal

Attachment 8. Scamp Scope of Work

Attachment 9. Strawman SEDAR Process changes

Attachment 10. Data Providers Overview

### 3.2. Summary

The committee has been discussing the Research Track – Operational Assessment process since 2015. A review of these prior discussions and Committee concerns and recommendations is provided in Attachment 5. For convenience, Attachment 6 is a compilation of past documents reviewed by the committee, consisting of multiple documents combined into a single PDF. There is a summary of each document included at the beginning to aid navigation. Attachment 7 is the updated SEFSC proposal for the RT that also includes regular scheduling and interim analyses of key or primary stocks. Attachment 8 represents the SEFSC's initial thoughts regarding the timing and scope of work for the pilot research track assessment on scamp, scheduled to begin in 2019. Attachment 9 is a strawman prepared by SEDAR staff to address the details of the research track – operational assessment – interim analysis process, and link it the current approach. Attachment 10 is an excel spreadsheet that shows an overview of SEDAR data providers by data source and Cooperator, illustrating the complexity of SEDAR data delivery.

The Committee is asked to consider the current proposals and provide guidance on the RT-OA approach.

### 3.3. Action

- Provide guidance on the research track process

## 4. SEDAR Projects Status Reports

### 4.1. Documents

Attachment 11. Projects Report Spring 2018

### 4.2. Summary

The projects report (Attachment 10) provides a summary of current and recently completed SEDAR assessment projects. Approved current and future projects and timing is shown in Table 1 at the end of this document.

- Cobia Stock ID: The Cobia Stock ID Workshop was held in April 2018. The group did not recommend changes to the assessment stock boundary. Recommendations will be peer reviewed the first week of June. The Joint Cooperator Technical webinar review will occur in late July/August 2018. The Science and Management Leadership call, if necessary, will be held in mid-August 2018 with the final stock ID resolution complete by the end of August 2018
- Scamp Research Track: The Scamp scope of work from SEFSC has not yet been reviewed by the SAFMC-GMFC workgroup as planned in Fall 2017. If the Committee supports the RT for Scamp, and the draft scope of work (Attachment 8), it can be provided for review by the workgroup following this meeting so the workgroup can develop a schedule and TORs. Schedules and TORs would then need to go through the Cooperator review and approval process (unless the Steering Committee agrees to an alternative, expedited approach of some sort).

This will likely delay SSC review and Council approval of the TORs and Schedule until late 2018.

- King Mackerel: Originally planned as a benchmark, it is now recommended that this assessment proceed as a standard.
- Use of Revised MRIP data in 2018 assessments: Several 2018 assessments were planned to include revised MRIP data that will be available in July 2018. In March 2018, during discussions of data delivery for SAFMC Greater Amberjack, SEFSC informed SEDAR that additional processing of the MRIP data will be required (to address changes in charter vessel coverage in prior years and apply the SEFSC weight estimate protocol), resulting in some delay in data delivery. Impacts to individual assessment data delivery deadlines are addressed in the projects report (Attachment 10). SEDAR staff is currently working with the SEFSC assessment leads and data staff to determine how delays in MRIP data delivery will affect overall assessment project schedules, and will provide the latest information during the meeting.

Table 1. Revised data delivery dates based on SEFSC adjustments to the MRIP revision data.

Project	Original Data Delivery	MRIP Fully Calibrated Data Delivery
SEDAR 29 Update: HMS GoM Blacktip Shark	4/6/2018	8/3/2018
SEDAR 59: SA Greater Amberjack	5/25/2018	8/17/2018
SEDAR 61: GoM Red Grouper	6/1/2018	8/31/2018
SEDAR 62: GoM Gray Triggerfish	7/13/2018	9/21/2018
SEDAR 60: SA Red Porgy	8/10/2018	10/5/2018
SEDAR 58: Atlantic Cobia ( <i>no change</i> )	11/13/2018	11/13/2018

- MRIP Revision Assessments: The STC has not provided explicit guidance on how revision assessments will be conducted. Discussions so far have suggested they will be conducted through a process similar to update assessments, with SEFSC obtaining the revised data, revising the assessments, and providing the results to the SSC. Update similarity is only procedural; terminal years will not be advanced.
  - How much time will revisions require, and in what order will they be conducted?
  - The SAFMC requests Red Grouper be their first revision completed.
  - Does the committee support treating these similar to updates, with little SEDAR involvement and leaving the details of scheduling and presentation to the Center and Council?
  - When can revisions assessments begin (given the need for additional SEFSC adjustments to the MRIP dataset once the revised data are released in July 2018?)
  - Are TORs or some type of specific guidance needed or desired by the Committee?

#### 4.3. **ACTION**

- Provide guidance on the Scamp RT and timing.
- Consider conducting King Mackerel as a Standard or Update.
- Address issues related to MRIP revisions

### 5. **Assessment Schedule Review**

#### 5.1. **Documents**

Attachment 12. SEDAR Projects List

#### 5.2. **Summary**

Ongoing project details are addressed in the project status update (Attachment 10). Attachment 11 provides the complete record of past assessments. Priorities for 2018 – 2020, as approved at the September 2016 meeting, are shown in Table 2.

#### 5.3. **Action**

- Consider project priority and timing changes requested by the Cooperators
  - Earlier start for SAFMC golden Tilefish
  - Gulf Cobia
- Finalize 2019 assessment projects
- Identify 2020 assessment candidates

### 6. **Other Business**

### 7. **Next Meeting**

The Committee is asked to make a recommendation for the next meeting.

### 8. **Adjourn**

SEDAR SCHEDULE OVERVIEW - September 2017 Steering Committee Results																	
YEAR	South Atlantic Team					Gulf/Caribbean Team					HMS Team		FL FWCC	ASMFC GSMFC	Extra	SEDAR Workshop	
	QTR	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5	1	2					
2017 FINAL	1	Blueline Tilefish Benchmark			Rg cont	data lim cont		Gray Snapper B				Sandbar Shark STD	BlkGrpr Bench				
	2																
	3		BSB Std	VS Std		RS std	RS std										
	4																
2018 FINAL	1		Cobia					Gray Trig Std	MRIP Revise <sup>2</sup>		Gom Blktip U		Gulf Hogfish U	Gulf Menhaden Review			
	2		STKID														
	3	GAJ Std	COBIA B TY17	MRIP Revise <sup>1</sup>	Red Prgy Std	Red Grp Std											
	4																
2019 Final	1	Scamp RT <sup>3</sup>				Scamp RT <sup>3</sup>	RS Std		RS Std	Spiny Lobster	Atl Blktip Bench	Porbeagle (Iccat)	YTS Bench	ATL Menhaden Review	King Mack Bench (STD)		
	2																
	3																
	4																
2020 Prelim	1	Scamp OA	Request: Red Snapper (benchmark), Spanish (Std), gag			Scamp OA	Request: vermilion (ASAP), Data Poor 2 <sup>4</sup> , Greater Amberjack, gag			Queen Trig PR-STX							
	2																
	3																
	4																
2021		Gray Triggerfish (Benchmark), red grouper, black sea bass				Gray Triggerfish, Vermilion Snapper, Black Grouper, Spiny Lobster, Gray Snapper, Hogifsh, Cobia, Red Grouper, Lane, Red Drum					under development	Mutton Bench					
2022		White Grunt (Benchmark)									under development						

1. South Atlantic MRIP Revision stocks: Red Grouper, Blueline Tilefish, Black Sea Bass

2. Gulf of Mexico MRIP Revision stocks: Greater Amberjack, Gag, Vermilion Snapper, Spanish Mackerel, Red Snapper

3. Scamp Research Track includes Gulf and South Altantic. Yellowmouth grouper will also be evaluted due to species identification concerns.

4. Gulf Data Poor II: Queen, Blackfin, Cubera, and Silk Snapper; Warsaw and Yellowfin Grouper; Banded Rudderfish

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