

SEDAR Steering Committee

Projects Report

April 2022

Completed Projects, October 2021 – April 2022

1 Project addressing 2 Stocks

SEDAR 68: Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Scamp, Research Track (2 stocks)

SEDAR Contact: Julie A Neer

Summary:

The SEDAR 68 Review Workshop was held via webinar August 30-Sept 3, 2021. Overall, the assessments were well received, though the RW Panel did request modifications that resulted in new base model configurations for both assessments. The final Stock Assessment Reports were released on October 1, 2021.

Projects in Progress

8 projects addressing 11 stocks and 3 management units

SEDAR 74 Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper, Research Track

SEDAR contact: Julie A. Neer

Summary:

The Data Workshop will be held in Gulfport, MS May 2-6, 2022. Assessment webinars will be held between August 2022 and January 2023, and the Review Workshop is slated for April 2023. The assessment is scheduled to be completed in May 2023.

SEDAR 75 Gulf of Mexico Gray Snapper, Operational Assessment

SEDAR contact: Julie A. Neer

Summary: The Gulf of Mexico Gray Snapper Operational Assessment got underway in December 2021

There will be two Topical Working Groups. The Life History TWG Data Scoping was held 2021, with an additional webinar scheduled for June 2022. Unprocessed data is due January 2022, with final analytical products due April 2022. The Shore Mode TWG will meet via webinar in June and July 2022. The assessment should be completed by November 2022.

SEDAR 77 HMS Hammerhead Sharks, Research Track (4 Stocks)

SEDAR Contact: Kathleen Howington

Summary: The HMS Hammerheads Sharks Research Track assessment is currently underway. The Data process is underway and the report will be released in April 2022. The Assessment webinars are scheduled for May 2022 through November 2022. The Review Workshop is scheduled for March 2023. The assessment is scheduled to be released to NOAA: HMS April 2023.

SEDAR 78 South Atlantic Spanish Mackerel, Operational Assessment

SEDAR Contact: Kathleen Howington

Summary: The Operational Assessment of South Atlantic Spanish Mackerel is underway. The Terms of Reference and Project Schedule were approved in September 2020. The terminal year for the assessment is 2020. Data scoping was held in June 2021. The Assessment process occurred over a series of webinars held November 2021 through March 2022. The scheduled completion date was April 2022. After a request from the lead analyst the completion date was delayed to May 2022.

SEDAR 79 Southeastern US Mutton Snapper, Benchmark

SEDAR Contact: Julie A. Neer

Summary: The Benchmark assessment for SE US Mutton Snapper is underway. The terminal year of data for the assessment will be 2020. Data Scoping was held August 2021, with a Data Workshop scheduled for January 31-February 4, 2022. Due to ongoing uncertainties surrounding COVID-19, and the request from the SAFMC and GMFMC to prioritize a Yellowtail Snapper update, the early 2022 Data Workshop was postponed.

The State of Florida has decided to halt the work on SEDAR 79 SE US Mutton Snapper for 2022. The plan is to begin the assessment in early 2023, with a Data workshop to be held in Summer 2023. The rationale is that the delay will allow the Terminal Year of the assessment to be 2022, instead of 2020, and to all time for the SRFS Transition discussions to be completed so that data may be considered for the assessment,

SEDAR 80 Caribbean Queen Triggerfish, Operational Assessment (3 management units)

SEDAR contact: Julie A. Neer

Summary: The Operational Assessment of Caribbean Queen triggerfish is underway. There were three Topical Working Groups (TWGs) to review life history information, discuss the possibility of developing an index of abundance, and discuss the effect of regulations and economy on fishing behavior/selectivity, retention, and catchability.

The Indices TWG held three webinars between August and 2021 and February 2022, the Life History TWG held a webinar in January 2022, and the Fisher TWG webinars were held Feb 28-March 2, 2022. Final analytical products were due March 4, 2022 and the assessment is now scheduled to be released July 2022.

SEDAR 68 OA, Gulf of Mexico Scamp, Operational Assessment

SEDAR contact: Julie A. Neer

Summary: The Gulf of Mexico Scamp Operational Assessment underway. There is one Topical Working Group focusing on life history issues. The TWG met in February 2022 and will meet again in May 2022. The OA will be completed in August 2022.

SEDAR 68 OA, Atlantic Scamp, Operational Assessment

SEDAR Contact: Kathleen Howington

Summary: The Atlantic Scamp Operational Assessment is underway. The Terms of Reference and Schedule were approved by the SAFMC in December 2021. No Topical Working Groups are being organized for this assessment. The Assessment is scheduled to be completed in November 2022.

Upcoming Projects – Planning Underway

6 projects addressing 6 stocks

SEDAR 76 South Atlantic Black Sea Bass, Operational Assessment

SEDAR Contact: Kathleen Howington

Summary: The Terms of Reference for the South Atlantic Black Sea Bass Operational Assessment were approved by the SAFMC in June 2020. The original Project Schedule and participants list were approved by the SAFMC in September 2020. Due to a delay brought on by Covid-19 the schedule was adjusted to start with data scoping in May 2022. The updated schedule was reviewed by the SAFMC in March 2021. The terminal year of data is 2020. The Assessment process will occur over a series of webinars May 2022 through January 2023. The scheduled completion date is March 2023.

SEDAR 81 Gulf of Mexico Spanish Mackerel, Operational Assessment

SEDAR Contact: Julie A. Neer

Summary: Terms of Reference for the 2022 Gulf of Mexico Spanish mackerel Operational Assessment were approved in October 2021. No Topical Working Groups are being organized for this assessment. Final analytical products are due in October 2022. The assessment is scheduled to be completed in February 2023.

SEDAR 82 South Atlantic Gray Triggerfish, Research Track

SEDAR Contact: Kathleen Howington

Summary: Planning for the South Atlantic Gray Triggerfish Research Track Assessment is currently underway. The planning team convened 4 times between May – October 2021. The Project Schedule, Terms of Reference, and participant list went to the SAFMC for final approval in December 2021. The Data process is scheduled to be a series of webinars from May 2022 to January 2023 with an in-person workshop

scheduled for September 19-23, 2022. The Assessment process is scheduled to be a series of webinars from March 2023 to September 2023. The review workshop is scheduled for November 2023. The assessment is scheduled to be completed in December 2023.

SEDAR 83 South Atlantic Vermilion Snapper, Operational Assessment

SEDAR Contact: Kathleen Howington

Summary: Planning for the 2023 South Atlantic Vermilion Snapper Operational Assessment is currently underway. The Terms of Reference and Schedule were approved by the SAFMC in December 2021. No Topical Working Groups are being organized for this assessment. The Assessment is scheduled to be completed in September 2023.

SEDAR 86 South Atlantic Red Grouper, Operational Assessment

SEDAR Contact: Kathleen Howington

Summary: Planning for the 2023 South Atlantic Red Grouper Operational Assessment is currently underway. The draft Terms of Reference and schedule were approved by the SAFMC in December 2021. No Topical Working Groups are being organized for this assessment. The assessment is scheduled to be completed in December 2023.

SEDAR ## Atlantic Blueline Tilefish, Operational Assessment

SEDAR Contact: Kathleen Howington

Summary: Planning for the 2024 Atlantic Blueline Tilefish Operational Assessment is currently underway. The assessment was originally scheduled for 2022 however, in October 2020 the SEDAR Steering Committee requested that the assessment be postponed until 2024 to allow for the terminal year of 2022. The draft Terms of Reference are going to the SSC for approval in April 2022 and will go to the SAFMC for approval in December 2022.