

SEDAR Steering Committee

Projects Report

June 2024

Completed Projects, March - June 2024

1 Project addressing 1 Stock

SEDAR 82 South Atlantic Gray Triggerfish, Research Track

SEDAR Contact: Julie A Neer

Summary: The Review Workshop was being held in Atlantic Beach, NC (DoubleTree) March 12-14, 2024. The completed assessment report was released on 8 May 2024. An Operational assessment to produce management advice is currently scheduled for 2026.

Projects in Progress

10 projects addressing 13 stocks and five management units

SEDAR 79 Southeastern US Mutton Snapper, Benchmark

SEDAR Contact: Julie A. Neer

Summary: The Data Workshop for the SE US Mutton Snapper assessment was held August 21-25, 2023. Assessment webinars were held from November 2023 to July 2024. The terminal year of data was originally 2022, but as the completion of the assessment has been delayed until September 2024 to allow time to consider the use of the SRFS in place of MRIP, the analytical team requested data be provided through 2023. The Review Workshop is scheduled for September 10-12, 2024.

SEDAR 84 Caribbean Yellowtail Snapper (Puerto Rico & St. Thomas/St. John) and Stoplight Parrotfish (St. Croix) Benchmark

SEDAR contact: Julie A. Neer

Summary: A Data Workshop was held in January 2024, and the Data Workshop reports should be available soon. Assessment webinars will schedule to be held April – August but will now continue through October 2024. The Review Workshop is scheduled for February 2025 and the assessment should be completed in April 2025.

SEDAR 87 Gulf of Mexico Brown, Pink, and White Shrimp, Research Track

SEDAR contact: Julie A. Neer

Summary: The Data Workshop was held September 18-22, 2023. A variety of issues with the commercial landing streams caused significant delays in completing the data preparation. The Data Workshop Report is scheduled to be completed in August. Assessment webinars have been postponed to September 2024 – February 2025. The Review Workshop is now scheduled for June 2025 and the assessment should be completed in August 2025.

SEDAR 88 Gulf of Mexico Red Grouper, Operational Assessment

SEDAR contact: Julie A. Neer

Summary: Two Topical Working Groups will be convened: 1) Red Tide and 2) SRFS Age and Length Composition. Scoping webinars for each TWG were held in October 2023. Additional webinars will be held in March and June. The analytic team needed more time to complete the report and so the assessment is slated to be completed in September 2024 instead of August.

SEDAR 89 South Atlantic Tilefish, Operational Assessment

SEDAR Contact: Julie A. Neer

Summary: A Life History Topical Working Group was developed for this assessment to address specific items in the terms of reference. This group held a series of webinars from November 2023–February 2024 to discuss and address these items. Findings from these webinars will be included in the final assessment report, which is scheduled to be available in July 2024.

SEDAR 91 Caribbean Spiny Lobster, Benchmark Assessment (3 management units)

SEDAR Contact: Julie A. Neer

Summary: A data scoping call was held in June 2024, and data providers are working on compiling data sets for discussion at the in-person Data Workshop scheduled for November 13-15, 2024, in St. Thomas.

SEDAR 92 Atlantic Blueline Tilefish, Operational Assessment

SEDAR Contact: Julie A. Neer

Summary: A Landings Stream Topical Working Group met via webinars from April–

July 2024. During those webinars, it was determined that an additional Life History TWG would be needed to review new age information. That group will meet via webinar in August/September 2024. The addition of the second TWG will cause a delay in the completion of the assessment (originally scheduled for November 2024). The new completion date is being discussed.

SEDAR 93 Atlantic Red Drum, Benchmark (Review Workshop only)

SEDAR Contact: Julie A. Neer

Summary: The ASMFC is the lead for this assessment, with SEDRA only providing logistical support for the Review Workshop. The schedule and terms of reference for the review workshop have been approved. The review will be held August 12-16, 2024. The assessment should be completed in October 2024.

SEDAR 95 Atlantic Cobia, Benchmark

SEDAR Contact: Julie A. Neer

Summary: A Data Scoping webinar was held in March 2024, and three data webinars have been conducted (one each for Removals, Indices, and Life History). A second data webinar for each topic will be held in July and August 2024. Assessment Webinars are scheduled for April–September 2025. The review workshop is scheduled for October 2025 and the assessment will be completed in November 2025.

SEDAR 96 Florida Yellowtail Snapper, Operational Assessment

SEDAR Contact: Julie A. Neer

Summary: This assessment is scheduled to have one Topical Working Group to review recreational catch information and discuss the use of the Florida State Reef Fish Survey (SRFS). Webinars will be held May – September 2024. The assessment is scheduled to be completed in late 2024.

Upcoming Projects – Planning Underway

3 projects addressing 3 species and 2 stocks

SEDAR 90 South Atlantic Red Snapper, Benchmark Assessment

SEDAR Contact: Julie A. Neer

Summary: The assessment is currently scheduled to begin in November 2024 and to be completed in November 2026. The process includes a data workshop to be held in April 2025, a series of assessment webinars from September 2025–April 2026, and a review workshop to be held in September 2026. Additionally, there is an integration plan to evaluate and consider using SARSRP data in this assessment.

SEDAR 94 Southeastern Hogfish Snapper, Benchmark

SEDAR Contact: Julie A. Neer

Summary: The Benchmark assessment for SE hogfish was slated to begin in 2024 but has been postponed until 2025 to allow for a yellowtail snapper operational assessment to be conducted in 2024. The Terms of Reference have been approved by the Gulf and South Atlantic Councils, and some participants have been appointed. SEDAR will work with the Florida assessment team to revise the Project Schedule to accommodate this shift in timing. Once an updated schedule is developed, SEDAR will work with the appropriate Councils to update and finalize participants.

SEDAR 98 Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper, Benchmark

SEDAR Contact: Julie A. Neer

Summary: The assessment is scheduled to begin in August 2024 and to be completed in April 2026. The process includes a data workshop to be held in December 2024, a series of assessment webinars from April –October 2026, and a review workshop to be held in March 2026.