



SEDAR Process Changes – An Update

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Primary Council Objectives

SAFMC

- Timeliness (i.e. recency of TY)
- Flexibility to address issues that emerge
- Throughput – update catch recommendations more frequently
- Right-sizing of assessments. Appropriate level of review

GMFMC

- Accuracy/Reproducibility
- Timeliness (i.e. recency of TY)
- Throughput
- Automation/Access to data, including FI Indices
- “Long-lasting” catch advice
 - Interim assessment
 - Routine updates, etc
- Transparency
- Thoroughness

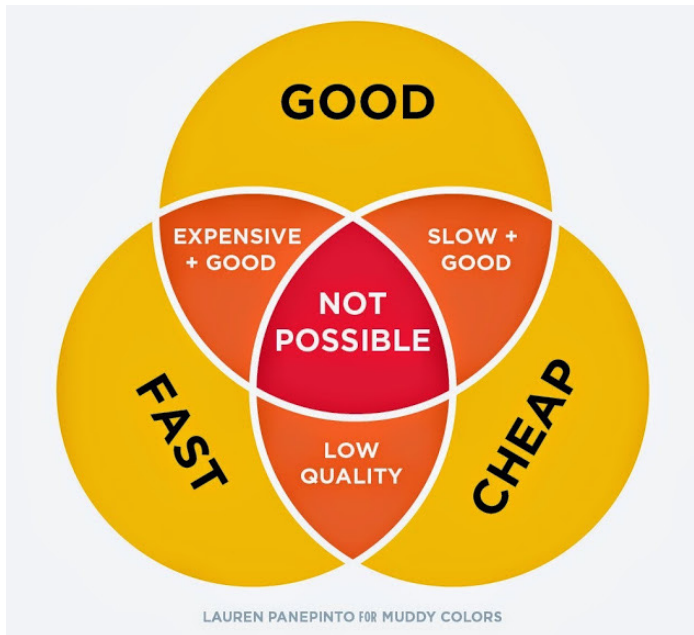


Primary Center Objectives

SEFSC

- Timeliness (i.e. recency of TY)
- Flexibility to address issues that emerge
- Throughput – increase number of stock assessment conducted in the region each year
- Right-sizing of assessments
- Eliminate ad-hoc calendars to facilitate project planning and resource management
- Continue R&D efforts to:
 - Improve stock assessment and fisheries management advice
 - Improve access to reliable data
 - Meet future needs

Paradigm Shift





Recommended Changes

1) *Eliminate RT/OA process* 

2) *Eliminate nomenclature and the slot concept -*



- Not all assessments are the same
- An age structured assessment with minimal changes can be completed in as little as 6-9 months.
- Additional features require additional time (e.g. stock ID, DW, AWs, TWGs, CIE Review, SSC rework)

3) *Identify “Key Stocks” and prioritize them*



4) *Remaining stocks could be assessed using less time-consuming approaches*



Preliminary GOM Calendar

			2024				2025				2026				2027				2028				2029				2030				2031				2032					
Gulf of Mexico	Last Report	Eff. Date	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Red Grouper	2019	6/2022	D*	A	R								UM					UM							D	A	R												UM	
Shrimp (3 spp)	2019	?	D*	D	A	A	A	A	R					UM								UM							D	A	A	R								
Red Snapper	2023	TBD	R		D	D	D	A	A	A	A	R						UM							UM				D	D	A	A	A	R						
King Mackerel	2020	1/2023						D	D	A	A	R										UM								D	A	A	R							
Gray Triggerfish	2015/20	3/2023									D	A	A	A	R										UM								D	A	A	R				
Gag Grouper	2022	6/2024											D	A	R							UM													D	A	R			
Greater Amberjack	2020	7/2023												D	D	A	A	R								UM							UM			D	A			
<i>Tilefish Complex</i>																D	D	A	A	R													UM							
Gray Snapper	2022	6/2024											?					D	A	A	R					UM										UM				
Vermillion Snapper	2023	TBD																D	A	A	R												UM							
Yellowedge Grouper	2023	TBD																D	A	A	R																			
Cobia	2020	11/2022											UM								D	D	A	A	R															
Spanish Mackerel	2023	TBD																			D	D	A	A	R															
Lane Snapper	2023	1/2024								UM								UM				D	D	A	A	R							UM							
Scamp	2022	TBD												UM											D	A	A	R												

Preliminary SATL Calendar

	2024				2025				2026				2027				2028				2029				2030				2031				2032			
South Atlantic	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Tilefish	D*	A	R												UM										D	A	R									
Blueline Tilefish		D	D	A	R										UM												D	A	R							
Cobia			D	D	A	A	A	R								UM													D	A	A	R				
Red Snapper				D	D	D	A	A	A	A	R									UM										D	D	A	A	A	R	
Gray Triggerfish	A	R						D	D	A	A	R												UM										D	A	A
King Mackerel										D	D	A	A	R													UM									D
Snowy Grouper												D	A	A	R													UM								
Gag Grouper												D	D	A	A	R												UM								
Red Grouper															D	D	A	A	R												UM					
Red Porgy																		D	A	A	R											UM				
Greater Amberjack																			D	A	A	R										UM				
Vermilion																				D	A	A	R											UM		
Scamp																				D	A	A	R												UM	
Spanish Mackerel																					D	A	A	R												



Next Steps Identified in March 2024

- Receive feedback on initial recommended changes ✓
- Continue conversations with Council Staff to establish and describe process ✓
- Identify assessment priorities. Age and growth providers must begin work on 2026 assessments
- Develop project schedules for stocks to be assessed beginning in 2026

