



SEDAR 58 Atlantic Cobia Stock ID Process Description

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Cobia Stock ID will be resolved prior to the start of the SEDAR 58 Data Workshop using the multi-step Stock ID Resolution Process developed by the SEDAR Steering Committee in September 2016. A brief summary of each of the steps is described below.

Stock ID Workshop

- Workshop Dates: April 10-12, 2018 in Charleston, SC
- Workshop Goal: Participants will review all available, relevant information on cobia stock structure including, genetic studies, movement and migration, growth patterns, existing stock definitions, oceanographic and habitat characteristics, etc. and make recommendations on the biological and assessment unit stock or stocks to be addressed through SEDAR 58.
- Participants will include: federal and state agency scientists and managers, university researchers, stock ID experts, Council SSC and Commission Technical Committee representatives, Advisory Panel members and other fishery representatives, Council members, and Council/Commission staff.

Stock ID Review Workshop

- Workshop Dates: June 5-7, 2018 in Charleston, SC
- Workshop Goal: An independent Review Panel will evaluate recommendations from the Stock ID Workshop and determine whether the stock structure recommended is reasonable and appropriate to use for the SEDAR 58 assessment unit stock.
- Participants will include:
 - Review Panel composed of CIE representatives, Council SSC representatives, and other Stock ID experts
 - Representatives from the Stock ID Workshop who will present recommendations from the April 2018 workshop to the Review Panel
 - Advisory Panel members and/or other fishery representatives, Council members, and Council/Commission staff.

Joint Cooperator Technical Review

- Webinar Date: late July or August 2018; exact date TBD
- Webinar Task: Review Stock ID Workshop and Review Workshop information and recommend the cobia assessment unit stock for SEDAR 58 and draft an appropriate Term of Reference (ToR).
- Participants will include:
 - Council SSC and Commission Technical Committee representatives
 - Representatives from the Stock ID Workshop who will present recommendations and findings from the Stock ID and Stock ID Review Workshops

Science and Mangement Leadership Call

- Conference Call/Webinar Date: August 2018
- Call/Webinar Task: If a change in Stock ID is recommended that causes a stock to cross Cooperator jurisdictions, the Leadership Group will determine how to resolve the discrepancy and provide guidance on the appropriate ToRs to provide the necessary and appropriate management parameters.
- Participants will include GMFMC, SAFMC, MAFMC, and ASMFC chairs and executive directors and relevant Regional Administrator(s) and Science Center Director(s)