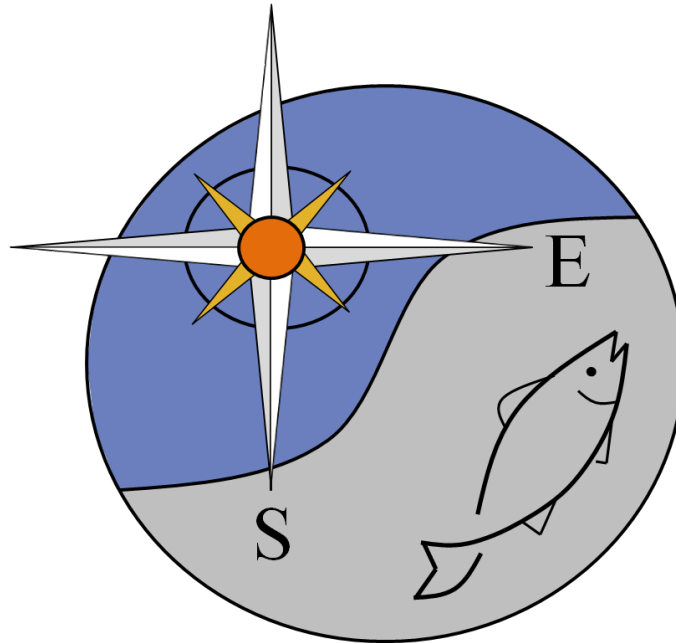


# SEDAR



## **SEDAR Steering Committee**

### **Meeting Brief**

**August 4, 2025**

**Held via webinar**

Webinar link:

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## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Documents

- Agenda
- Attachment 1. February 2025 Draft Meeting Summary

### 1.2 Action

- Introduction
- Review and Approve Agenda
- Approve Meeting Summary

## 2 SEDAR Projects Report

### 2.1 Documents

Attachment 2. SEDAR Projects Update July 2025

## 2.2 Summary

The projects report (Attachment 2) provides a summary of current and recently completed SEDAR assessment projects.

Highlighted project developments:

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

**SEDAR Contact:** Emily Ott

**Summary:** Data webinars were completed June-October 2024, followed by an in-person Data Workshop held November 13-15, 2024. A series of assessment webinars were held January-April 2025. A Review Workshop was slated for August 2025; however, has been cancelled because of the CIE contract not receiving approval. The Caribbean SSC will be the review body for this assessment. The final assessment report should be completed August 2025.

### SEDAR 101 Highly Migratory Species Sandbar Sharks

**SEDAR Contact:** Emily Ott

**Summary:** The Project Schedule and Terms of Reference were finalized in February 2025. The data scoping webinar was held in March 2025, and the Data Workshop was slated for May 2025. Due to Agency personnel issues, the Data Workshop was postponed in March 2025. Discussions regarding resuming the process are underway.

## 2.3 Action

- Informational; none required

# 3 SEDAR Process Review and Discussion

## 3.1 Documents

Attachment 3: SEDAR Process Components Document

Attachment 4: SEDAR Process Components Presentation

Attachment 5: SEFSC Process Update Presentation

## 3.2 Summary

### SSC Feedback on Proposed Process Changes:

During the February 2025 SEDAR Steering Committee meeting, the Committee recommended that the Council Science and Statistics Committees (SSC) receive presentations on the proposed modifications to the SEDAR process so they may provide feedback before the changes are implemented. The Council Cooperators are asked to share the feedback they received from their SSCs.

### SEDAR Process Components Discussion:

The SEDAR Steering Committee has suggested a variety of modifications to the SEDAR process over its last few meetings. There is a desire by some members of the Committee to begin integrating at least some of these modifications for the upcoming assessments.

For SEDAR Staff to be able to implement these changes, and to limit confusion of the participants of the process, it is necessary to have clear guidance from the Committee regarding the options for the various stages of the process. SEDAR Staff have prepared a document (Attachment 3) and presentation (Attachment 4) which describes the components that may be selected for a specific SEDAR project.

### Process Modification Updates & Recommendations from the SEFSC:

The SEFSC will provide an update on their discussions regarding proposed modifications to the SEDAR process.

#### **3.3 Action**

- Provide comments and direction for improvements on the SEDAR Components document.
- Provide feedback on possible changes to the SEDAR process.

## **4 Assessment Schedule Review**

### **4.1 Documents**

Attachment 6: SEDAR Projects List

Attachment 7: Modifications to the Project Planning Grid from the July 2024 Steering Committee Summary

### **4.2 Summary**

The SEFSC will provide an update on the current staffing and budget issues and discuss how that may impact the upcoming SEDAR schedule, particularly 2026. Modifications to the schedules may be influenced by the discussions the Committee during the meeting.

### **4.3 Action**

- Consider any needed modifications to the 2026 Projects
- Discuss Future Project Requests (2027-2029)

## 5 Other Business

### 5.1 Documents

Attachment 8: Steering Committee Meeting Location Comparison

Attachment 9: SEDAR Process Infographics

### 5.2 Summary

#### Steering Committee Meeting Location Cost Comparison:

SEDAR Staff was requested to compile estimates to travel to the meeting in potential alternative locations and report back to the Committee at the Summer meeting. The following locations were suggested: Atlanta, Charlotte, Tampa, and San Juan. The comparison can be found in Attachment 8. Charleston proved to be the most cost-effective meeting location.

#### SEDAR Process Infographics:

The proposed modifications to the SEDAR process will require a communication plan to help stakeholders understand the changes. SEDAR Staff have begun producing a series of infographics that will aid in this process (Attachment 9). The Committee is asked to review the current graphics and provide comments, as well as suggestions for additional topics that should be considered.

### 5.3 Action

- The Committee should discuss any issues and provide recommendations if needed.

## 6 Next Meeting

The Committee is asked to make scheduling recommendations and suggest topics for the next meeting. SEDAR Staff would suggest the following:

- Virtual Check-in Meeting – Week of Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>
- In-person 2-day Meeting – Options include Feb. 2-4, Feb 9-12, Feb 17-19, Feb 23-26

Planning grid