

## **SEDAR Steering Committee**

### **Projects Report**

April 2023

#### **Completed Projects, January – April 2023**

##### **1 Project addressing 1 Stock**

##### **SEDAR 76 South Atlantic Black Sea Bass, Operational Assessment**

**SEDAR Contact:** Kathleen Howington

**Summary:** The terminal year of data is 2020. Assessment webinars were held May 2022 through February 2023. The assessment was completed March 2023.

#### **Projects in Progress**

##### **11 projects addressing 17 stocks and 5 management units**

##### **SEDAR 74 Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper, Research Track**

**SEDAR Contact:** Julie A. Neer

**Summary:** Assessment webinars were slated to be held between September 2022 and April 2023, and the Review Workshop is slated for July 31 – August 4, 2023. The Analytic Team determined it needed more time to complete the assessment, so additional assessment webinars will now be held between May and July 2023, and the Review Workshop will now be held November 6-9, 2023. The assessment is scheduled to be completed in December 2023.

##### **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 completed, and the report was released in April 2022. The Assessment process was a series of webinars held from May 2022 – March 2023. The Assessment report is scheduled to be released June 2023. The Review Workshop has been scheduled for August 2023. The assessment is scheduled to be completed October 2023.

##### **SEDAR 79 Southeastern US Mutton Snapper, Benchmark**

**SEDAR Contact:** Julie A. Neer

**Summary:** The Benchmark assessment for SE US Mutton Snapper has been rescheduled for 2023. The terminal year of data for the assessment will be 2022. Data Scoping was be

held April 2023, with a Data Workshop scheduled for August 21-25, 2023. Assessment webinars will be held from November 2023 to April 2024. The Review Workshop is scheduled for July 9-11, 2024.

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

**SEDAR Contact:** Julie A. Neer

**Summary:** The Operational Assessment of Caribbean Queen triggerfish is partially complete.

The Final Stock Assessment Report for Queen Triggerfish in St. Thomas/St. John was released October of 2022 and presented at the December 2022 SSC meeting. The SEFSC continues to work with the Caribbean SSC to refine the model.

The Final Stock Assessment Report for Queen Triggerfish in St. Croix has not yet been released.

#### 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 were due in October 2022. The assessment was scheduled to be completed in February 2023, but the SEFSC requested more time to complete the assessment. It is now scheduled to be released late June 2023.

#### SEDAR 82 South Atlantic Gray Triggerfish, Research Track

**SEDAR Contact:** Kathleen Howington

**Summary:** The Data Workshop report was released in January of 2023. The Assessment process is ongoing with a series of webinars scheduled from March 2023 to September 2023. The Review Workshop is scheduled for October 2023. The assessment is scheduled to be completed in December 2023.

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

**SEDAR contact:** Julie A. Neer

**Summary:** The Terms of Reference for the Benchmark assessment of Caribbean yellowtail snapper (Puerto Rico and St. Thomas/St. John) and stoplight parrotfish (St. Croix) were approved in December 2022. Cooperator appointments are slated to be completed in April 2023. A Data Scoping webinar is scheduled for July 2023 and a Data Workshop is scheduled for October 25-27, 2023. Assessment webinars will be held

January – May 2024. The Review Workshop is scheduled for September 2024 and the assessment should be completed in December 2024.

#### SEDAR 85 Gulf of Mexico Yellowedge Grouper, Operational Assessment

**SEDAR Contact:** Julie A. Neer

**Summary:** Terms of Reference for the Gulf of Mexico yellowedge grouper Operational Assessment were approved in March 2022. No Topical Working Groups are being organized for this assessment. Final analytical products were due in June 2023. The assessment was scheduled to be completed in September 2023.

#### SEDAR 86 South Atlantic Red Grouper, Operational Assessment

**SEDAR Contact:** Kathleen Howington

**Summary:** The assessment is underway. No Topical Working Groups are being organized for this assessment. The assessment is scheduled to be completed in December 2023.

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

**SEDAR contact:** Julie A. Neer

**Summary:** The Terms of Reference for the Research Track were reviewed by the GMFMC SSC in March 2023 and approved in April 2023. Cooperator appointments were also completed in April 2023. A Data Scoping webinar is slated for July 2023 and a Data Workshop is scheduled for September 18-22, 2023. Assessment webinars will be held April – October 2024. The Review Workshop is scheduled for March 2025 and the assessment should be completed in May 2025.

#### SEDAR 88 Gulf of Mexico Red Grouper, Operational Assessment

**SEDAR contact:** Julie A. Neer

**Summary:** The Terms of Reference for the Operational Assessment of Gulf of Mexico red grouper were reviewed by the GMFMC SSC in March 2023 and approved in April 2023. Cooperator appointments were also completed in April 2023. Two Topical Working Groups will be convened: 1) Red Tide and 2) SRFS Age and Length Composition. A Scoping Webinar for the Red Tide TWG will be held in September 2023 and one for the SRFS TWG will be held in October 2023. The assessment is slated to be completed in August 2024.

### Upcoming Projects – Planning Underway

**6 projects addressing 6 species and 3 management units**

SEDAR 89 South Atlantic Tilefish, Operational Assessment

**SEDAR Contact:** Kathleen Howington

**Summary:** The Terms of Reference were approved by the SAFMC SSC in October 2022. The schedule, potential participants, and Terms of Reference were approved by the council in March 2023. The assessment is scheduled to begin November 2023.

SEDAR 90 South Atlantic Red Snapper, Research Track Assessment

**SEDAR Contact:** Kathleen Howington

**Summary:** Planning for the research track is underway. The planning team has met three times and have drafted a terms of reference and a schedule. The search for participants is ongoing. The schedule, terms of reference and list of participants will be brought before the SSC in October 2023.

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

**SEDAR Contact:** Julie A. Neer

**Summary:** Planning for the Operational assessment for Caribbean spiny lobster is underway. Terms of Reference have been submitted to the Caribbean Fishery Management Council and are scheduled to be reviewed by their SSC in May 2023. The project schedule has been finalized.

SEDAR 92 Atlantic Blueline Tilefish, Operational Assessment

**SEDAR Contact:** Kathleen Howington

**Summary:** The draft Terms of Reference were approved by the SAFMC SSC in July 2022. The updated schedule, potential participants, and Terms of Reference were approved by the SAFMC March 2023. The assessment is scheduled to begin April 2024.

SEDAR 93 Atlantic Red Drum, Review Workshop

**SEDAR Contact:** Kathleen Howington

**Summary:** Planning for the review workshop is underway. A schedule has been drafted and submitted for approval.

SEDAR 94 Southeastern Hogfish Snapper, Benchmark

**SEDAR Contact:** Julie A. Neer

**Summary:** Planning for the Benchmark assessment for SE hogfish is underway. The Cooperators have appointed their Planning Team members and the group will schedule

its first meeting soon to discuss the Terms of Reference, Project Schedule, and potential participants.