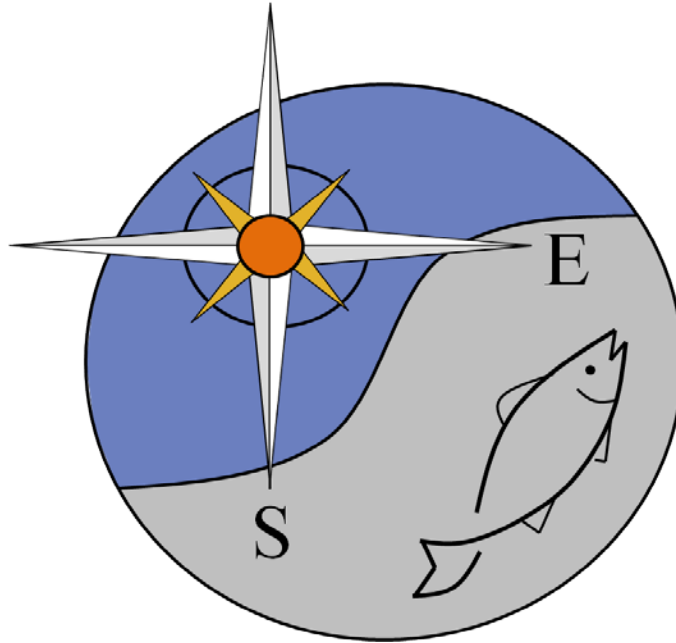


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**SEDAR Steering Committee
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ATTENDANCE

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Meeting Summary

The following is an overview of key meeting outcomes and recommendations, provided for convenience. Consult the detailed discussion of outcomes under each agenda topic for details.

2020 Project Planning

The GMFMC requested 2018 terminal years for the 2019 assessments of Vermilion Snapper and Cobia and that Cobia be completed for SSC review in January 2020.

The SAFMC requested that the 2019 assessment of golden Tilefish be completed for SSC review by April 2020, and the assessment of Snowy Grouper by October 2020, with both using 2018 terminal years.

The Committee agreed to change the preliminary information request for operational assessments to a “Scope of Work” rather than “Terms of Reference” to avoid confusion with current “Terms of Reference” usage.

The Committee requested that Cooperators submit Scope of Work information for 2020 assessments to SEDAR staff by March 1, 2019, for submission to the SEFSC.

1. Introduction

1.1. Documents

Agenda

Attachment 1. May 2018 Meeting Summary

1.2. Action

- Introductions
- Review and Approve Agenda
- Approve May 2018 Meeting Summary

Meeting Outcome

The Committee approved the agenda for this meeting and the summary from the May 2018 meeting.

2. SEDAR Projects Status Reports

2.1. Documents

Attachment 2. Projects Report Fall 2018

2.2. Summary

The projects report (Attachment 2) provides a summary of current and recently completed SEDAR assessment projects. Approved current and future projects and timing is shown in Table 1 at the end of this document.

- Cobia: The stock ID process concluded, resulting in a recommendation to continue with the existing stock boundaries.
- 2018 projects: Following the Spring 2018 Steering Committee meeting, the SEFSC provided updated data deliveries for 2018 projects including the MRIP revisions.
- Scamp Research Track: The Scamp scope of work and preliminary schedule will be reviewed by the SAFMC-GMFMC workgroup on Friday, September 28, 2018. Schedules and TORs would then need to go through the Cooperator review and approval process in late 2018.

2018 Project Type and Data Delivery Summary

(1. For Steering Committee information ONLY. Approved project schedules provide detailed data delivery deadlines which will vary from the general summary here.)

Project	Cooperator	Type	Final Data Delivery ¹
HMS Gulf Blacktip Shark	HMS	Update	06-Apr-18
SEDAR 57 Caribbean Spiny Lobster	CFMC	Benchmark	01-Jun-18
SEDAR 58 – Atlantic Cobia	SAFMC/ASMFC	Benchmark	25-Jan-19
SEDAR 59 – SA Greater Amberjack	SAFMC	Standard	02-Nov-18
SEDAR 60 – SA Red Porgy	SAFMC	Standard	30-Nov-18
SEDAR 61 – Gulf Red Grouper	GMFMC	Standard	17-Aug-18
SEDAR 62 – Gulf Gray Triggerfish	GMFMC	Standard	14-Dec-18
GSMFC Menhaden	GSMFC	Review	NA
SEDAR 64 – SE Yellowtail Snapper	SAFMC/GMFMC	Benchmark	29-Mar-19

2.3. ACTION

- Provide guidance on projects as required.

Meeting Outcome

The Committee was informed that the planning process for the Scamp Research Track was delayed by Hurricane Florence, and that the planning team meeting scheduled for September 28 would be delayed. The meeting was held on October 10, 2018.

SEFSC Director Clay Porch noted that the MRIP revision assessments for the South Atlantic were on track for delivery for the SAFMC SSC Briefing Book. There was discussion on the GMFMC MRIP revisions assessments as noted under Other Business.

3. Assessment Schedule Review

3.1. Documents

Attachment 3. SEDAR Projects List

3.2. Summary

2019: As a result of delays due to the MRIP revision assessments and including the revised MRIP data in 2018 assessments, 2018 projects will extend into 2019. Preliminary scheduling for projects beginning later in 2019 will be discussed with the SEFSC on September 24, after the Steering Committee meeting concludes.

2020 projects: As discussed at the Spring 2018 meeting, the current data workload for 2020 projects exceeds the SEFSC's anticipated data delivery capabilities. Cooperators were requested to provide the SEFSC Terms of Reference for 2020 projects prior to the Spring 2019 Steering Committee meeting. This will allow the SEFSC to estimate the data workload for planned projects, so that they can be finalized at the meeting.

After further consideration of the SEDAR planning process, SEDAR staff recommends providing a “Scope of Work” to define the nature of the desired assessment, highlight changes or new data to be considered, rather than actual Terms of Reference. This will avoid the need to develop terms of reference 2 years in advance, or for projects that may be pushed back. It may also help reduce confusion, given that “Terms of Reference” is an existing phrase with accepted planning timelines and expectations.

2019 Projects Summary

Project	Cooperator	Type
Scamp	GOM + SA	Res Track
Snowy Grouper	SAFMC	Update
Tilefish	SAFMC	Standard
Vermilion Snapper	GMFMC	Standard
Cobia	GMFMC	Update
Atlantic Blacktip Shark	HMS	Benchmark
King Mackerel	GOM+SA	Update

3.3. Action

- Consider changing the information requested to assist in planning data needs to a “Scope of Work”, rather than the “terms of reference”
- Agree to a timeline for providing project information to SEFSC for the Spring 2019 meeting.
- Consider clarifying future priorities, 2021 and beyond.

Meeting Outcome

The Committee was informed that SEDAR and SEFSC staff intended to hold a planning call following the meeting to develop data deadlines and preliminary workshop dates for the 2019 projects. However, due to the impacts of Hurricane Florence on participant availability, that call was cancelled following the Steering Committee meeting. The meeting was rescheduled for October 12, 2018.

The GMFMC requested 2018 terminal years for the 2019 assessments of Vermilion Snapper and Cobia and that Cobia be completed for SSC review in January 2020.

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The Committee agreed to change the preliminary information request for operational assessments to a “Scope of Work” rather than “Terms of Reference” to avoid confusion with current “Terms of Reference” usage.

The Committee requested that Cooperators submit Scope of Work information for 2020 assessments to SEDAR staff by March 1, 2019, for submission to the SEFSC. This will allow the SEFSC to evaluate data demands for 2020 assessments in support of discussions at the next Steering Committee meeting. In the future, scope of work information should be provided 2 years in advance

4. Other Business

The Committee discussed the revised MRIP data and a recent data evaluation workshop held for Gulf Red Snapper. There was some question on whether the revision of the Gulf Red Snapper assessment with the calibrated MRIP data was still desired. There may be a need for additional data calibrations in the Gulf to address state surveys. The GMFMC and SEFSC agreed to discuss this further, including during the GMFMC SSC meeting planned for early October, and decide how to proceed with review and consideration of the revision assessments.

5. Next Meeting

The Committee is asked to make a recommendation for the next meeting.

Based on prior plans, an in-person meeting in late April or early May 2019 is recommended.

Meeting Outcome

The Committee agreed to hold the next meeting between late April and early May 2019. It was suggested to coordinate meeting times with the Council Coordination Committee meeting that will be held in Charleston in May 2019.

6. Adjourn

SEDAR Schedule : As approved, May 2018. No changes in this schedule were made during this meeting.

NOTE: PROJECT TIMING SHOWN HERE IS APPROXIMATE AND USED TO ILLUSTRATE THE GENERAL TIMING AND ORDERING OF PROJECTS FOR STEERING COMMITTEE ADVANCE WORKLOAD PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY. PROJECT STARTING AND ENDING DATES WILL BE DETERMINED THROUGH APPROVED PROJECT SCHEDULES AND MAY DEVIATE FROM WHAT IS SUGGESTED IN THIS TABLE.

SEDAR SCHEDULE OVERVIEW - May 2018 Steering Committee Results																
YEAR	South Atlantic Team				Gulf/Caribbean Team					HMS Team		FLFWCC	ASMFC GSMFC	Extra	SEDAR Workshop	
	QTR	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5	1					2
2018 FINAL	1		Cobia	BSB	VS		RS	GraySna	RS		Gom	Sandbar	Gulf	Gulf Menhaden Review		
	2		STKID					p			Blktip U		Hogfish			
	3	MRIP	COBIA B TY17													
	4	Revise ¹		GAJ Std	Red Prgy Std		Red Grp Std	Gray Trig Std	MRIP Revise ²	Spiny Lobster						
2019 Final	1	Scamp RT ³				Scamp RT ³					Atl Blktip Bench		YTS Bench	ATL Menhaden Review	King U	
	2															
	3															
	4			Snowy Grp u	tilefish std			VS Std		Cobia U						
2020 Prelim	1	Scamp OA	RS RT+OA			Scamp OA					Queen Trig PR-StX					
	2															
	3															
	4				spanish OA		gag OA		gag OA	RedSnp RT + OA		RS				
2021 Prelim	1					Gray Trigger, Gray Snapper, Hogfish, Red Grouper, Lane, Red Drum, Data Poor ⁴					Hammerheads - RT	Mutton Bench				
	2															
	3															
	4															
2022		White Grunt (Benchmark)									Future = Data poor					

1. South Atlantic MRIP Revision stocks: Red Grouper, Blueline Tilefish, Black Sea Bass, Vermilion Snapper
 2. Gulf of Mexico MRIP Revision stocks: Greater Amberjack, Gag, Vermilion Snapper, Spanish Mackerel, Red Snapper
 3. Scamp Research Track includes Gulf and South Atlantic. Yellowmouth grouper will also be evaluated due to species identification concerns.
 4. Gulf Data Poor II: Queen, Blackfin, Cubera, and Silk Snapper; Warsaw and Yellowfin Grouper; Banded Rudderfish

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