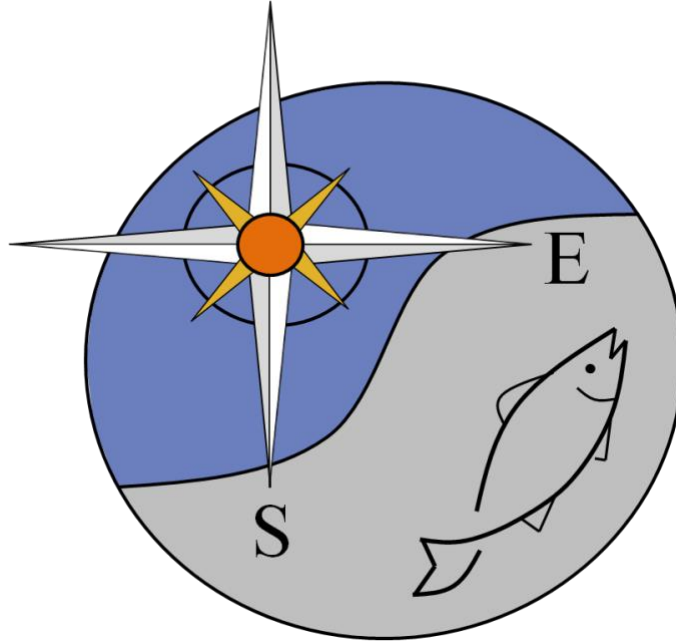


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SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting Report

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Attendance

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Meeting Outcomes Summary

SEDAR Project Priorities

- Approved project priorities for 2022 as shown in Table 1.
- Requested Cooperators provide Scopes of Work for 2022 assessments to the SEFSC by March 2, 2020. These projects will be considered for approval at the Spring 2020 meeting.
 - SAFMC: Blueline Tilefish, Vermilion Snapper
 - GMFMC: Yellowedge Grouper, Spanish Mackerel
 - Florida: Atlantic Hogfish

Other Business Topics

- Request to provide a summary of modifications in Project Planning Table between Steering Committee meetings
 - SEDAR Staff will develop a way to summarize modifications and make it available for the next meeting.
- Improve communications with data providers
 - The Committee is requested to think about ways to improve communication with all potential data partners to make them aware of upcoming data needs early in the process. This will be discussed at the May Steering Committee meeting.

Table 1. SEDAR Project Planning Summary. Including schedule and priority recommendations from the September 2019 SEDAR Steering Committee meeting. Table Color Legend:

Steering Committee Approved and SEFSC Scheduled Projects																				
Steering Committee Approved, PENDING SEFSC SCHEDULING										FUTURE Requests										
SEDAR PLANNING OVERVIEW - September 2019 SEDAR Steering Committee Approved - 9/30/2019																				
YEAR	SA Team				Gulf/Caribbean Team					HMS Team		FL FWCC	ASMFC GSMFC	CMP						
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5	1	2									
2019		COBIA B			Red Grp Std	Gray Trig Std			Spiny Lobster				ATL Menhaden Review							
			GAJ Std	Red Prgy Std				Vermillion S							Atl Blktip Bench	YTS Bench	King U			
2020	Scamp RT	Snowy Grp U			Scamp RT	GAJ OA			Cobia U											
				Gag OA			Tilefish OA			Gag OA										
2021	Scamp OA	Red Snapper OA	Black Sea Bass OA	Spanish OA	Scamp OA	RedSnpr RT + OA	Gray Snap OA	RedSnpr RT + OA	Queen Trig PR-STX-STT	Hammerheads - RT	Mutton Benchmark									
													Red grouper OA	Yellowedge Grouper OA						
2022	Gray Trigger RT	Blueline tile/vermillion OA							Lane@PR, Queen Snap@PR, Redtail Parrot@STX, Yellowtail			Atlantic/Gulf hogfish B	ASFMC Red Drum	Gulf Spanish						
2023			White Grunt RT				Red Drum RT					Black Grouper B	Gulf menhaden OA							
2024																				

Timing of projects shown in this table is approximate and is intended for SEDAR Steering Committee workload planning purposes only. Please consult individual project schedules for specific start and end dates.

1. Introduction

1.1. Documents

Agenda

Attachment 1. May 2019 Draft Meeting Summary
Attachment 2. August 2019 Draft Meeting Summary

1.2. Action

- Introductions
- Review and Approve Agenda
- Approve Meeting Summaries

MEETING OUTCOME

The Committee modified the agenda to add following topics under other business: Discussion of improving communication among data providers, and documenting changes in the planning table between Steering Committee meetings.

2. SEDAR Projects Report

2.1. Documents

Attachment 3. SEDAR Projects Update August 2019

2.2. Summary

The projects report (Attachment 3) provides a summary of current and recently completed SEDAR assessment projects.

Highlighted project developments:

- The timing of some of the assessments finalized during the May SEDAR Steering Committee meeting was adjusted after the July SEDAR – SEFSC planning call. Adjustments to the proposed schedule were required to alleviate data delivery conflicts for all projects approved for 2020.
- SA SSC MRIP Workshop: The SA SSC held a workshop to discuss the revised MRIP estimates in August 2019. The SSC was provided with in-depth presentations on the revised survey methods and calibration approach. The SSC supported using fully calibrated estimates in the upcoming assessments.
- Dr. Clay Porch will provide an update on the SEFSC data handling improvements.

MEETING OUTCOME

Chairman Porch provide the Committee an update on the SEFSC data handling improvements underway. He indicated that the projects are moving along well and that

they hope to go live with the new data automation process in 2021. These improvements should allow the Center to be able to handle an increased data load beginning in 2022.

2.3. **Action**

- Informational; none required

3. Assessment Schedule Review

3.1. **Documents**

Attachment 4. SEDAR Projects List
Attachment 5. Cooperator SOWs

3.2. **Summary**

The SEFSC requested that each cooperator provide a statement of work for the 2021 operational assessments (Attachment 5). SEFSC will report on the SOWs and workload outlook, and the Committee is asked to finalize priorities for 2021 and recommend priorities for 2022.

Priorities for 2019 – 2023 are shown in Table 1. This table reflects project timing resulting from the July 29 SEDAR-SEFSC project planning call.

3.3. **Action**

- Finalize 2021 Projects
- Recommend 2022 Priorities
- Consider long-term priorities
- Verify date for submitting 2022 Scopes of Work to SEFSC: March 2, 2020

MEETING OUTCOME

The Committee reviewed future assessment project priorities and finalized assessment projects for 2021. Recommendations are shown in Table 1, found at the front of this report with the summarized findings and recommendations.

2021 Workplan

The SEFSC requested that the SAFMC consider changing the 2021 red snapper Research Track to an Operational Assessment. They believed that all of the concerns raised by the SSC and Council could be evaluated within an Operational Assessment Framework. The SAFMC representatives on the webinar supported the change.

Chair Porch indicated that analytical resources are adequate for the requested projects, but there is a possibility of a limitation due to data resources. However, at this time the plan appears feasible and was approved for further development of project milestones and schedules.

2022 Workplan

The Committee identified preliminary projects for 2022. These will be finalized at the Spring 2020 meeting. Councils were requested to provide statements of work for all potential 2022 operational assessments to the SEFSC by March 2, 2020.

Future Priorities and Workload Planning

Cooperators are requested to identify their assessment priorities for 2023-2025 for further consideration and discussion at the Spring 2020 Steering Committee meeting. Although interim analyses are not a SEDAR project, they will need to be considered in SEFSC workload planning.

4. Other Business

MEETING OUTCOME

Summary of modifications to Planning Table between Steering Committee meetings:

There was a request from one Cooperator for staff to provide a summary of modifications that may occur to the Planning Table between the Draft Meeting Report for one meeting (for example Sept 2019) and the Planning Table that can be found in the Briefing Book materials for the next meeting (for example the May 2020 meeting). This request was put forward in the following motion:

***Motion:** Request that modifications to the SEDAR schedule overview table between Steering Committee meetings be summarized and distributed with the meeting summary materials (e.g., Section 3. Assessment Schedule Review).*

Motion passed without objection

The Committee discussed possible ways to accommodate this request, and agreed that SEDAR Staff will develop a way to summarize modifications and make it available for the next meeting.

Possible ways to improve communications with data providers:

Chairman Porch informed the Committee that issues have arisen in the past where groups or individuals with data were not aware of upcoming or ongoing assessments in a timely manner. He asked the Committee to think about ways to improve communication with all potential data partners earlier in the process. This topic will be discussed further at the May Steering Committee meeting.

5. Next Meeting

The Committee is asked to make a scheduling recommendation and suggest topics for the next meeting. Based on past practices, this meeting will be held in-person in Charleston SC in May 2020.

MEETING OUTCOME

The Committee indicated that a number of meetings were already scheduled for that month, the next SEDAR Steering Committee meeting would need to be held the week of May 18th 2020.

6. Adjourn

Table 1. SEDAR Schedule Worksheet – September 2019 Discussion Draft
 Table Color Legend:

Steering Committee Approved and SEFSC Scheduled Projects	FUTURE Requests
Steering Committee Approved, PENDING SEFSC SCHEDULING	2021 Preliminary Projects - Finalized This Meeting

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