



# Overview of SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting Outcomes May 9, 2022 via webinar



# Overview

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# SEDAR Projects Report

- SEDAR 79 Mutton Snapper.
  - Florida FWC: Suggested terminal year 2022
  - SEFSC will provide data through 2021
  - Changes in the schedule need to be discussed by all cooperators

**Action:** None. Informational.



# SEDAR Process Review and Discussion

## Topical Working Groups (TWG) Update

- Report on how TWGs have been functioning
- SEFSC prefers as few TWGs as possible
- SEFSC will inform Cooperators of the “cost” of adding TWGs to an assessment when they review the SoWs.
- Participants of TWGs must be appointed by a Cooperator.

**Action:** None by Council. Informational.  
Staff will communicate to SSC.



# SEDAR Process Review and Discussion continued

## Research Track Technical Chair Discussion

- Committee discussed the continued difficulty in identifying someone to serve as the technical Chair for the Data and Assessment portions of the Research Track Assessments.
- Resolution: SEDAR Coordinators will begin chairing the Data and Assessment portions of Research Track Assessments.

**Action:** None. Informational.



# SEDAR Process Review and Discussion continued

## Discussion of the Role of SEDAR in Management Procedures/Management Strategy Evaluations

- The assessment process continues to get more complicated. SEFSC thinks this is due to the number of little pieces of data, provided by many partners.
- SEDAR should have a role when any new tool is going to provide scientific advice in place of a traditional assessment. All first applications of a tool (MSEs, MPs) for a stock should go through a SEDAR review process.

**Action:** None by Council. Informational.

**Next Steps:** SEFSC will develop a discussion draft for future meeting.



# Assessment Schedule Review – Gulf Requests 2024 Projects

## 2024: Accepted but Not Finalized

- Red Snapper OA - Could be finishing
- Gray Triggerfish RT
- Red Grouper OA
- Cobia OA
- Vermilion Snapper OA
- Mutton Snapper Benchmark (FWC) – finishing
- West Florida Hogfish Benchmark (FWC) - starting



# Assessment Schedule Review – Gulf Requests

## 2025 Projects

### 2025: Proposed

- Gray Triggerfish RT (continued)
- Greater Amberjack RT
- Lane Snapper OA
- Gag Grouper OA
- King Mackerel OA (Gulf and SA)
- West Florida Hogfish Benchmark (FWC) – finishing
- Black Grouper Benchmark (FWC) - starting





# Assessment Schedule Review – Gulf Requests 2026 Projects

## 2026: Proposed

- Greater Amberjack RT (continued)
- Gray Triggerfish OA
- Tilefish Complex ---- Data triage, consideration of MP
- Scamp OA
- Black Grouper Benchmark (FWC) - finishing

**Action:** Feedback and Discussion on 2025  
and 2026 Proposed Species



# Other Business

SEFSC Data Improvement Project: Work continues on the Data Warehouse, where all the data will be more available to the data users, and in the future to the public once the confidentiality issues are handled.

MRIP-SEFSC Catch-Weight Estimation Discrepancy: The SEFSC plans to set up a working group with the Northeast Fisheries Science Center to develop Best Practices to handle this issue.

Progress of MRIP Transition Team Report from Office of S&T: The report from the February 2022 workshop is still being developed and finalized. Draft was posted for Red Snapper DW.



# Other Business - continued

NMFS White Paper Revisions and Timing: The current plan is to add an addendum to the report documenting the recommendations from the MRIP Transition team.

- A new, updated document was suggested to avoid confusion. Chair Porch stated that he would raise this issue with his colleagues at NOAA Office of Science and Technology



# Other Business - continued

## Status of SRFS Calibration for use in Alternative SEDAR 72 (Gag Grouper) run:

- Review of the State Reef Fish Survey (SRFS) data by the NOAA S&T consultants is on track and will be reviewed at the July 2022 SSC meeting.
- SEFSC will re-run the assessment using the SRFS data in place of the MRIP-FES time series for private recreational and state for-hire landings in the SEDAR 72 base model.



# Other Business - continued

## Currency of the Recreational Data for SEDAR 74 (Red Snapper):

- Intent is to run the RT assessment in MRIP-FES currency, and any estimates for management purposes would be calibrated to the State currency for monitoring purposes.
- The aim is to complete the Gulf state calibrations in time for the OA.
- **Consensus Statement:** The SEDAR Steering Committee requests NOAA Office of Science and Technology and the Gulf States work expediently to calibrate and approve the Red Snapper recreational historical landings time series for use in the SEDAR 74 Red Snapper Operational Assessment.



# Next Steps

- Council needs to review 2025 and 2026 Assessment Schedules and Provide Feedback
- If the Council supports the consensus statement in the report, it should consider passing a motion for draft a letter to NOAA Office of Science and Technology stating the need and urgency of this request.





# Questions?

