

**Agenda Item IV:** SEDAR Steering Committee Summary Report August 2025

**Timeline Status:** Review and Feedback

**Council Input and Next Steps:** The Committee will hear a brief overview of the agenda items discussed and committee outcomes and next steps that occurred during the August 4<sup>th</sup> SEDAR Steering Committee held virtually. Some of the proposed process changes have been discussed generally with the Gulf Council's SSC and they supported operationalizing them for two of the ongoing stock assessments (i.e., gray triggerfish and king mackerel). Council staff will continue to monitor and gather feedback about these changes from the Gulf Council's SSC. The Committee should ask questions and provide direction to Council staff and the SSC, as appropriate.

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**Agenda Items V:** Update on the Southeast Fisheries Science Center Resources

**Timeline Status:** Information for planning purposes

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) staff (Dr. John Walter) will provide an overview of the impacts to the SEFSC due to the reduction in staffing. He will also provide information on the anticipated impacts to the various programs that monitor landings across the Southeast and the downstream impacts to stock assessments in the coming years. The Committee should ask questions and provide feedback and suggestions, as appropriate.

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**Agenda Items VI:** Review and Discussion of Gulf SEDAR Schedule

**Timeline Status:** Review and Feedback

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Council staff will provide an updated draft of the Gulf SEDAR Schedule which has been finalized by the Southeast Fisheries Science Center through 2027. It should be noted that the schedule now includes consideration of requests and products that will be conducted by the Southeast Fisheries Science Center outside of the SEDAR process. The Committee should ask questions and provide input on the updated SEDAR schedule including stocks they would like to see added through 2029.

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