

Overview of SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting Outcomes



August 4, 2025
virtual

Overview



- SEDAR Projects Report
- SEDAR Process Review and Discussion
- SEDAR Projects Schedule
- Other Business Items

SEDAR Projects Report



Gulf

SEDAR 87 Gulf of Mexico Brown, Pink, and White Shrimp: A Review Workshop was held June 23-27, 2025, in Tampa.

- Final assessment report expected August 2025 and SSC will review during its October 2025 meeting

SEDAR 94 SE Hogfish: Data Workshop was held July 28 - August 1, 2025. **Review Workshop** from July 14-17, 2026.

SEDAR 98 Gulf Red Snapper: Data Workshop was held in Mobile, AL December 10-13, 2024. **Review Workshop** to be held in April 2026.

SEDAR Projects Report



Gulf

SEDAR 99 Gulf King Mackerel: Two Topical Working Groups planned for this assessment. Final assessment report should be completed in June 2026.

SEDAR 100 Gulf Gray Triggerfish: Data Workshop is scheduled for August 19-22, 2025. Review Workshop to be held February 2027.

SEDAR Projects Schedule



- **Plan for Updating MRIP data in 2026:** Assemble a working group to discuss results of the pilot study and incorporation into the assessments

SEFSC proposes for stock assessments in FES the following options:

- Option 1: most timely - just use average adjustment factor for monitoring (no assessment runs)
- Option 2: re-run model with only updated FES data
- Option 3: a full, update lite model re-run with update to other data sources (based on availability)

Red Snapper, Gray Triggerfish, and King Mackerel in the Gulf using Option 2.
Other species will be done as their assessments are updated

- Gulf SSC slated to review this plan at its October 2025 Meeting

SEDAR Process Review and Discussion



- SEFSC proposed to take responsibility for the assessment component of the SEDAR. Data and Review components will remain unchanged.
- SSC will be presented with key decision points and asked for feedback prior to the completion of the assessment
 - Close coordination was discussed and recommended several months in advance
- Cooperators could appoint a Technical Team with the relevant scientific expertise and fishing experience who would be available to provide feedback as needed during model development.
- Discussed engaging fishermen and stakeholders during AP meetings
 - Suggested calling fishermen when specific feedback is needed

SEDAR Process Review and Discussion



- **Technical Teams should:**
 - Have availability for ad hoc meetings with lead analysts to provide feedback about specific issues
 - Could be a standing group that covers multiple assessments or may be developed for a specific stock or group of stocks (e.g., tilefish or mackerel)
 - Lead analytic agency may reach out to members of the team as needed, either as individuals or as the whole
 - Technical Teams may not be needed/consulted for all assessments
- Concerns expressed: optics and participation in Gulf; duplication of efforts with SSC check-ins – potential financial responsibility for Council.
- Gulf Steering Committee members agreed to try “Technical Team” approach for king mackerel and gray triggerfish assessments and reassess and revise as needed

Other Business



- Location for the SEDAR Steering Committee
 - Charleston was estimated to be the most cost effective based on total projected costs that minimized expenditures while accommodating key personnel
- SEDAR Process Infographics
 - Showcased new infographics for Committee and requested other ideas to create

Future SEDAR Projects Schedule – Gulf Requests



- SEDAR Projects Schedule
- Review/Update 2026 Project Priorities
- Discuss Future Projects 2027-2029

Questions ?

