

# Overview of SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting Outcomes

February 11-12<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Charleston, SC



**Gulf SEDAR Committee**

**April 7, 2026**

# Overview



- SEDAR SOPPs Summary Changes
- Project Schedule Discussion – Gulf Focus
  - Project Schedule Delays
  - Response to Request for Transferring Analytical Responsibility
  - Gulf Stock Assessment Schedule Requests
- Other Business Items

# SEDAR SOPPs Summary Changes



- **Workshop format:** Committee reaffirmed hybrid workshops are not logistically practicable. In-person workshops are preferred with limited virtual participation or completely virtual workshops when needed.
- **Defining Cooperators:** SEDAR Cooperator defined as an organization that both participates in SEDAR and provides oversight. Florida FWC is now included as an official cooperator.

- [Link to Updated SEDAR SOPPs: https://sedarweb.org/documents/sedar-policies-and-procedures-february-2026/](https://sedarweb.org/documents/sedar-policies-and-procedures-february-2026/)

# SEDAR SOPPs Summary Changes



- **Agency-Led Internal Assessment Process:**
  1. Cooperators appoints a Technical Team to support analytical team.
  2. Cooperators supplies a list of fishermen and technical experts for analysts to contact as needed for specific questions/concerns.
- **Committee Outcome:** Cooperators agreed SEFSC reaching out to individuals as needed was appropriate. Don't need technical team designation or logistical burden.
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# Project Schedule Delays



Project Delays due to 2025 Government shutdown

<u>Stock Assessment</u>	<u>Component</u>	<u>Scheduled</u>	<u>Rescheduled</u>	<u>Impact</u>
Red Snapper (SEDAR 98)	Assessment Webinar 5	10/27/2025	2/4/2026	3 months
	Assessment Webinar 6	12/8/2025	3/1/2026	3 months
	Review Workshop	4/21/2026	9/22-25/2026	5 months
King Mackerel (SEDAR 99)	Final Data Due	1/23/2026	3/13/2026	2 months
	Assessment Webinar I	4/6/2026	5/18/2026	1.5 months
	Assessment Webinar II	5/4/2026	6/15/2026	1.5 months
	Stock Assessment Report Due	6/26/2026	8/7/2026	1.5 months
Gray Triggerfish (SEDAR 100)	DW Working Group Reports	10/31/2025	1/1/2026	3 months
	DW Report Distributed	11/28/2025	2/1/2026	4 months
Gag Grouper (SEDAR 105)	Unprocessed Data Due	1/30/2026	2/13/2026	2 weeks
	Repro & Red Tide TWG 1	3/2/2026	4/1/2026	1 month
	Final Data Due	4/10/2026	5/8/2026	1 month

# Response to Request for Transferring Analytical Responsibility



- **August 2025:** Gulf Council discussed reduced staff and resources by SEFSC. Resulted in a letter: Requesting the Steering Committee consider transferring analytical responsibilities for Gulf gag and red grouper from the SEFSC to USF CEASA.
- **February 2026:** Florida FWC has increased analytical capacity with USF and agreed to conduct the gag stock assessment process (SEDAR 105) jointly. Red grouper assessment will follow.
- Florida FWC noted that these two stock assessments will continue to run through SEDAR process

# Gulf Stock Assessment Schedule Requests



2026: Anticipating MRIP Updates after pilot project results for Red Snapper, Gray Triggerfish, & King Mackerel

2027: MRIP Updates likely to go into following year



Greater amberjack assessment moved up in priority



Scamp assessment



Noted Gulf gag assessment will extend into 2027

# Gulf Stock Assessment Schedule Requests



2028:



Added red snapper to schedule. Expect updates to historical recreational landings (AL and MS adoption of LA Creel)



Added red grouper to update stock status, given time since last assessment and Council actions in Reef Fish Amendment 62 (ACL increase, reallocation, AMs)

# Other Business



- SEDAR Staff shared several process infographics to explain the process. Cooperators and agency staff can use these for workshops.
- Received a status report on request for the SEFSC to coordinate with the Gulf States through the Commission to consider gaps in sampling coverage and capacity.

# Questions & Feedback



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You!