

SEDAR 68 Stock ID Scoping Webinar
Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Scamp
June 19, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Summary Report

The general process of stock identification was discussed, and the terms of reference were reviewed for the Stock ID process. It was stressed that the null hypothesis for unit stock definition is that the stock is divided between the Gulf and Atlantic at the Council jurisdictional boundary, and that hypothesis would need to be disproved for the stock definition to change from the status quo. Working groups for the Stock ID process include: life history, genetics, spatial distribution and movement. Panelists are not bound to a particular workgroup, and can participate at will.

Data are due July 26, 2019. Stock ID webinars will be held during the first weeks of August and September 2019. The final Stock ID report will be completed by October 18, 2019. Unprocessed data are due for the research track data workshop on December 13, 2019.

Data received thus far have been organized by working group by SEDAR staff, and data providers were asked to provide summaries of their data if they have not yet already. Concerns with yellowmouth grouper were touched on, as species identification issues between yellowmouth grouper and scamp are present. This misidentification issue is presently thought to be akin to the relationship between gag and black grouper, but with a less significant impact to scamp (the predominantly-landed species of the two).

The Stock ID process and research track assessment will use a terminal year of 2017. Generally, landings of scamp in the Gulf comprise a smaller fraction of the shallow-water grouper landings. Due to the confidential nature of the landings and discards data from the commercial sector, non-disclosure agreements will be needed for certain workgroup members. FWRI video survey data will be contributed for the Gulf and Atlantic. Genetic work is being completed in the Atlantic by SCDNR.

Panelists were asked to review the working papers pertinent to their working groups, and to direct questions to their working group leader.

The first Stock ID Webinar will be held in August 2019 The second Stock ID Webinar will be held in September 2019
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