

Gulf SEDAR Committee: Action Guide & Next Steps for Tab I

Agenda Items IV and V: Summary of the May 2019 SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting and review of the Gulf of Mexico SEDAR Schedule.

Timelines Status: Review and provide guidance on changes to the Gulf SEDAR Schedule, specifically the proposed 2022 stock assessments.

Council Input and Next Steps: Council staff will provide an overview of the Southeast Data Assessment and Review (SEDAR) in-person meeting held May 16-17, 2019. There were numerous changes to the stock assessment schedule due to the government shutdown that will be reviewed. The Council should review the 2022 proposed schedule and make any changes before the next SEDAR Steering Committee meeting in September 2019. The current schedule shows a scamp operational assessment in 2022 and a research track for red snapper starting in 2021 and continuing to the end of 2022. An operation assessment ending in 2023 for red snapper. Staff also recommends a gray snapper operational assessment that would start 2021 and finish in 2022, and a research track for red grouper starting as soon as the scamp operational assessment is completed. A benchmark assessment on Gulf hogfish from Florida FWC has also been requested to start in 2021 and go through 2022.