

## Summary of the SEDAR Committee Kevin Anson, Chair - January 28, 2015

Staff reviewed the status of ongoing and planned stock assessments in the Gulf through 2017 (**Tab I, No. 4**). The Committee was encouraged to consider which data-poor species, in addition to red drum, to assess in 2016. The SEFSC noted a change in effort estimation for MRIP, which would require SEFSC assessment scientists' time, and thereby possibly reduce the number of assessments which could be completed in the Gulf in a given year. The Council stated that their 2016 priorities were currently the same, and wanted to see more assessment slots in 2016 and beyond. The Council decided to wait until the March 2015 meeting to determine which data-poor species would be assessed in 2016, giving the SEFSC time to develop a list of species to include in the data poor assessment and to provide better guidance on the potential impacts of the MRIP calibration effort on the assessment schedule.

This concludes my report.