Scientific and Statistical Committees
Scope of Work
June 1, 2020
Webinar

Agenda Item II: Approval of SSC Minutes

Action: Review, modify (if necessary), and approve minutes

Committee input and next steps: The SSC will review, modify if necessary, and approve the minutes from the March 11, 2020 webinar meeting of the Standing, Socioeconomic, Reef Fish, and Shrimp SSCs.

Agenda Item IV: Selection of SSC representative for the June 15-18, 2020 Gulf Council Meeting, to be held via webinar

Action: Select SSC representative

Committee input and next steps: The SSC will select a member to participate in the June 2020 Council meeting via webinar on June 16, 2020. The representative will provide a summary presentation of SEDAR 67 to the Council's Reef Fish Committee, answer questions and provide insight into the SSC deliberations.

Agenda item V: Review of SEDAR 67 – Gulf of Mexico Vermilion Snapper Stock Assessment

Action: Discussion and recommendations

Committee input and next steps: The Committees will review presentations of the model, results, and projections for the SEDAR 67 stock assessment of Gulf vermilion snapper from the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC), recommending any modifications as appropriate. The Committees will determine whether the assessment represents the best scientific information available, and inform the Council of the stock status of Gulf vermilion snapper based on status determination criteria. The Committees will also determine whether the assessment is suitable for management advice and, if suitable, will recommend values for the overfishing limit (OFL) and acceptable biological catch (ABC) using the Council's ABC Control Rule. The Committees should consider both annual and constant catch yields. Lastly, the Committees will review the Stock Assessment Executive Summary, and provide any feedback to SEFSC staff.

Agenda Item VI: Other Business

Action: Discussion

Committee Input and Next Steps: Additional items may be brought up for discussion by SSC members, time permitting. If the SSC wishes to pursue action, then action can be scheduled at a future SSC meeting.