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Overview of SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting Outcomes May 20-21 via webinar

Overview

- SEDAR Projects Report
- SEDAR Process Review and Discussion
- Assessment Schedule Review
- Other Business
- Next Steps

SEDAR Projects Report

- Delays in the SEDAR 68 – Scamp Research Assessment due to COVID-19
  - March 16-20 Data Workshop Canceled

- Several SEDAR projects beginning in 2020
  - Unknown if any other schedules will change

<u>Action</u>: None. Informational.

SEDAR Process Review and Discussion

- SEDAR 68 – Scamp Research Assessment
  - Stock ID and working group meetings held via webinar
- Technical Chair Issues: May 2019 Steering Committee report
  - Reluctance to serve as Chair through multiple stages
  - Scamp Data Workshop: Assessment Development Team and lead analysts agreed to serve

Action: Gulf offered to survey its SSC for an additional member to serve as Technical Chair

SEDAR Process Review and Discussion continued

SEFSC Intent for Operational Assessments (OA):

- New data and changes in model structure must requested by Council and approved by SEFSC
- Public webinars or in-person meetings are anticipated to be rare and
  - Must be requested in SoW and approved by SEFSC
- Will not include 'Assessment Panels', but rather "Topical Working Groups" (TWG); SEFSC to provide Project Manager
  - TWGs appointed by Cooperators to address specific items as needed
  - TWGs consist of SSC members, Council staff, and stakeholders
  - Give guidance to OA lead analysts

SEDAR Process Review and Discussion continued

SEFSC Intent for Operational Assessments (OA):

- Process change still under development
  - SOPPs not yet updated by SEDAR Steering Committee
- At present, SSC involvement will be limited to TWG (if any) and assessment review
  - SSC is the review body for operational assessments

Action: Feedback and Discussion. Next Steps: Brief the SSCs on these changes and revisit process at Sept 2020 SEDAR meeting.

Assessment Schedule Review – 2022/2023 Projects

- **2022: Finalized**
  - Scamp OA
  - Red Snapper RT (2 analyst/slots) (year 2)
  - Yellowedge Grouper OA
  - Spanish Mackerel OA
  - Mutton Snapper B (FWC)
- **2023: Proposed/Accepted**
  - Red Snapper RT (2 analyst/slots) (year 3)
  - Red Snapper OA (2 analyst/slots)
  - Gray Triggerfish RT
  - Yellowedge Grouper OA
  - West Florida Hogfish B (FWC)

Assessment Schedule Review - 2024

- **2024: Proposed**
  - Gray Triggerfish RT (year 2)
  - Lane Snapper OA
  - Vermilion Snapper OA
  - Tilefish stock complex evaluation OA
  - Black Grouper Benchmark (FWC)

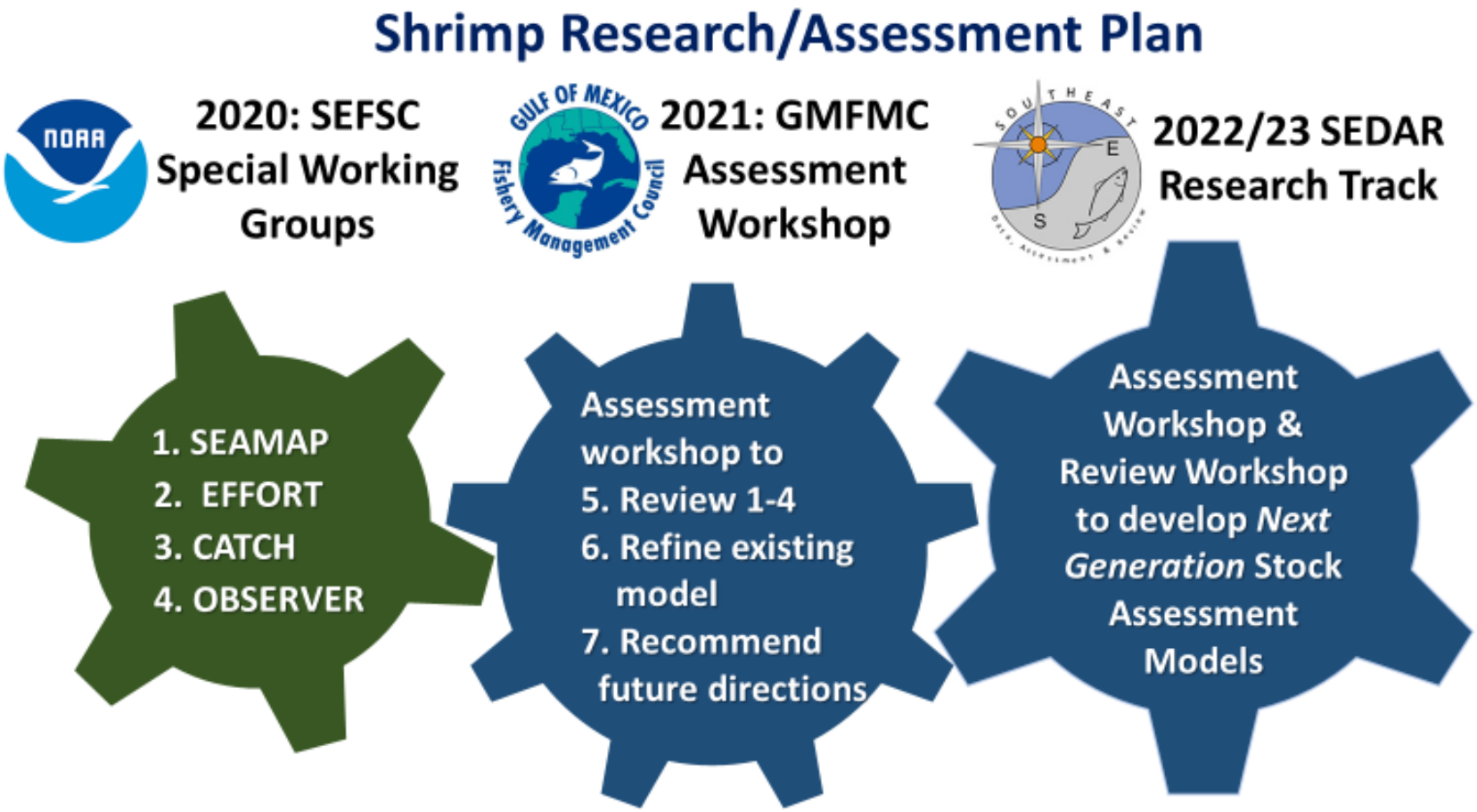
<u>Action</u>: Feedback and Discussion on 2023 and 2024 Proposed Species

Other Business

- Procedural Workshop Pre-proposal – Best Practices for Combining Index of Abundance Surveys
- Objective: To streamline future reef fish assessments by defining best practices for generating indices of relative abundance and size composition that incorporate data from multiple surveys and account for survey changes through time.

Action: The Steering Committee requested more information, and the workshop to be more inclusive of HMS and SA Council. The analysts will bring back a more developed proposal for the September meeting.

Other Business Items



* Based on this schedule, SEFSC anticipates management advice would be available in 2021 to potentially modify the Shrimp FMP

Action: **1)** We asked for SSC and staff to review the Terms of Reference for items 1-4.

2) Work with the SEFSC and SEDAR to appoint participants for Assessment Workshop

Other Business

Feedback Loop and Memo Process requested from SEFSC

APPROVED TIMING: An Example

- 2023 species approved at Spring 2020 SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting
- Cooperators use their process to develop initial SoWs
- Initial SoWs submitted to SEFSC by October 15th, 2020
- **SEFSC provides feedback to Cooperators via memo no later than February 1st, 2021**
- Cooperators/Technical review bodies review feedback and negotiate final SoWs with SEFSC
- Final SoWs provided to SEDAR Program Manager by May 1, 2021

Next Steps

- Need to brief the SSC on changes to the OA Process and SoW Outline and Process
  - Poll the SSC for a Tech Chair for Scamp
- Need the draft TORs for Shrimp Assessments to review with the SSC and proposed assessment process
- Council needs to review 2023 and 2024 Assessment Schedules and Provide Feedback

Questions?