

**Gulf SEDAR Committee
Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab I**

Agenda Item IV: Review and Discussion of Gulf of Mexico SEDAR Schedule

Timeline Status: Review, Discussion, and Feedback

Council input and next steps: Council staff will review the current stock assessment projects for Gulf species (2024 and 2025) and brief the Committee on the projects being scheduled for 2026 and subsequent years. The Committee should consider the management needs before the Council, input from its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and stakeholders and provide feedback to the Council and staff as appropriate.

Agenda Item V: SSC Initial Discussions about the Current SEDAR Process

Timeline Status: Review, Discussion, and Feedback

Council input and next steps: Dr. Jim Nance (SSC Chair) will summarize discussions about recommended revisions to the SEDAR process in response to the February 2024 SSC’s review of the SEDAR 74 research track assessment and brief verbal overview of the revisions that the SEFSC was considering. The SSC provided feedback for Council consideration about many facets of the stock assessment process; some of these recommendations have also been discussed by the SEDAR Steering Committee. The Committee should review the recommendations, ask questions, and make recommendations to the Council as appropriate.

Agenda Item IV: March 2024 SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting Report

Timeline Status: Presentation, Discussion, and Feedback

Council input and next steps: Council staff will summarize the proceedings of the March 25-26, 2024, SEDAR Steering Committee meeting, held in Charleston, SC. A reminder, the Council Chair and Executive Director represent the interests of the Council with respect to SEDAR on the SEDAR Steering Committee, which typically meets twice a year to discuss the stock assessment schedule, among other topics. The SEDAR Steering Committee discussed new approaches for conducting stock assessments in the southeastern U.S., the stock assessment schedule, and other topics. The Committee should review the presentation, ask questions, and make recommendations to the Council, SSC, and staff as appropriate.

Agenda Item V: Other Business

Timeline Status: Additional items that can be brought up for discussion

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