

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

Agenda Item IV: Update on Operational Assessment Process and SSC Recommendations

Timeline Status: Information and Discussion

Council input and next steps: Dr. Joe Powers and Council staff will provide an overview of the materials presented to the SSC during its July 21-23rd meeting and any recommendations they had for the process. The Committee should review the information, ask questions, and provide any feedback to Council staff and the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC).

Agenda Item V: Interim ABC Analyses – Discussion on Timing and Use for Management

Timeline Status: Review, Discussion, and Feedback

Council input and next steps: Council staff will provide an overview of what Interim acceptable biological catch (ABC) Analysis is and what species it can be applied toward. The presentation provides an example of red grouper timing from the initial Council request to implementation of management changes after receiving the interim ABC analysis. The presentation provides examples of potential ways to improve timing of the process, current requests for species analysis to the SEFSC, and future considerations. Interim ABC analysis has the potential to provide flexibility and responsiveness to fisheries management if the scheduling process is clearly laid out.

The Committee should ask questions and decide if it agrees with the generic timing proposed by staff for implementing management changes that may result from the interim ABC analysis requests. The Committee should consider a process for requesting interim ABC analyses on an annual basis, and what species besides red grouper may be appropriate for interim ABC analysis. Interim analyses are completed between the Council and the SEFSC, and are not considered part of the SEDAR stock assessment process.

Agenda Item IX: 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.
