

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

Agenda Item IV: Review of Gulf Stocks Suitable for Interim Analyses

Timeline Status: Presentation, Discussion, and Feedback

Council input and next steps: The Committee will review a presentation from Dr. Clay Porch of the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) about Gulf stocks with fishery-independent indices of abundance that may be suitable for interim analyses. The interim analysis style of assessment uses a single fishery-independent index of abundance, combined with recent landings and the established catch limits, to provide future catch recommendations. These analyses can (in most cases) be done annually, and are less data-intensive than full stock assessments. The SEFSC intends to continue development of this tool, such that in the future the Council will be able to run this analysis automatically for applicable species via a web tool. The Committee will receive a summary of the SSC's recommendations related to this topic and is encouraged to ask questions and provide feedback

Agenda Item V: Summary of August 2019 SEDAR Steering Committee Webinar:
NOAA's Recommended Use of the Current Gulf of Mexico Surveys of
Marine Recreational Fishing in Stock Assessments

Timeline Status: Discussion

Council input and next steps: The Committee will review a summary of the special webinar meeting of the SEDAR Steering Committee held on August 26, 2019 to rollout and discuss a white paper developed by the NOAA Office of Science and Technology, the Southeast Fisheries Science Center, and the Southeast Regional Office. The white paper was titled: *Recommended Use of the Current Gulf of Mexico Surveys of Marine Recreational Fishing in Stock Assessments*. The Committee will also receive a summary of the SSC's recommendations related to the NOAA white paper. The Committee is encouraged to ask questions and provide feedback.

Agenda Item VI: Review: Report to Congress Regarding Section 201 of the Modernizing
Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018

Timeline Status: Discussion and Feedback

Council input and next steps: Dr. Richard Cody will provide an overview of the draft report to Congress that addresses improvements in and analysis of data collections by States and non-governmental organizations. The Committee will review, discuss the report to Congress, and provide any comments or feedback to staff so that letter can be drafted detailing the Council's feedback. All comments are requested to be submitted by December 31, 2019. The SSC will

have the opportunity to review the Council's comments on this same document during their October 29 webinar.

Agenda Item VII: Summary of September 2019 SEDAR Steering Committee Webinar

Timeline Status: Discussion and Feedback

Council input and next steps: The Committee will review a summary of the fall webinar meeting of the SEDAR Steering Committee held on September 30, 2019. The focus of this webinar meeting was to finalize the project schedule for 2021 and provide recommendations for 2022.

Agenda Item VIII: Review Gulf of Mexico SEDAR Schedule

Timeline Status: Discussion and Recommendations

Council input and next steps: The Committee will review the SEDAR Schedule for 2022 and subsequent years, which indicates the type of assessment and the terminal year for each species recommended. Recommendations should consider advice provided by the SSC, trends in landings and effort, and other information at the Council's disposal. The SEFSC has requested that the Council avoid making adjustments to its SEDAR schedule within two years of when the assessment is scheduled to begin.

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.
