

Gulf SSC Meeting Summary February 2024

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April 2024 Council Meeting

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Review of SEDAR 74 Research Track

- **Process Recommendations:**
- Need additional flexibility in the SEDAR process
- Preference for assessing key stocks on regular schedule
- Avoidance of prescribing specific types of assessments in advance

Review of SEDAR 74 Research Track

- **Research Track Assessment:**

- Limited efficiency gains observed
- Increased workload on data provisioning process
- Discussion on independent peer-review necessity
- Ultimately did not recommend continued use of RT

Review of SEDAR 74 Research Track

- **Peer Review and Working Groups:**

- Case-by-case determination of peer review necessity
 - Inclusion of peer review in Terms of Reference
- Consideration of need for Topical Working Groups

- **Future Plans:**

- Continued discussion planned at future SSC meeting
- Potential modifications to improve efficiency and effectiveness
- Input from SEDAR Steering Committee meeting anticipated