



# Overview of SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting March 25-26, 2024



# Overview

- SEDAR Projects Report
- SEDAR Process Review and Discussion
  - SEFSC Process Suggestions Presentation
- Other Business
- Next Steps
- Assessment Schedule Review
- Discussion of Draft Key Stocks



# SEDAR Projects Report

- SEDAR 96 Southeastern U.S. Yellowtail Snapper
  - Councils requested OA to use SRFS for private vessel landings
  - TORs reviewed and approved by SSCs/Councils
  - Assessment Webinars May-September 2024
  - Expected completion late 2024

**Action:** None. Informational.



# SEDAR Projects Report continued

- SEDAR 94 Florida Hogfish
  - Benchmark was to begin in 2024; postponed until 2025 to allow for yellowtail snapper assessment
  - TORs reviewed and approved by SSCs/Councils
  - SEDAR finalizing project schedule and participants.

**Action:** None. Informational. Staff will work with SSCs



# SEDAR Process Review and Discussion

## SEFSC Process Suggestions Presentation

- 1) ID "key stocks" and assign to permanent rotating calendar;
- 2) Appropriate frequency of SEDAR stock assessments;
- 3) Approaches to update management advice between full assessments, and their timing;
- 4) Potential for extra-SEDAR assessments to address emergent concerns;
- 5) Recommendations to improve timeliness of stock assessment advice; and
- 6) Implications for 2026+ stock assessment calendar

**Action:** Council feedback, particularly on key stocks.  
Draft will be discussed with SSC in future meetings.



# SEDAR Process Review and Discussion

## SEFSC Recommended Changes

- 1) Eliminate Research Track
- 2) Eliminate assessment nomenclature and Slot Concept
- 3) ID “Key Stocks” and prioritize them
- 4) Remaining stocks could be assessed using less time-consuming approaches

**Action:** The SEDAR Steering Committee was supportive of these recommendations.



# SEDAR Process Review and Discussion continued

## Discussion of SEDAR Policy on Virtual Public Comment at In-person meetings

- Beginning in 2023, SEDAR began broadcasting plenary sessions of in-person SEDAR meetings
- Individuals not able to attend in-person:
  - Can observe the process
  - Can use public comment form on SEDAR Website
- Individuals able to attend in-person:
  - Can comment on science during the public comment periods
- Comments on management should be directed to the appropriate management body

**Action:** None. Informational.



# Other Business

Update on status of SEFSC Efforts to Automate Data Provisions: Work continues with the Fishery-Independent Indices working group. SEFSC considering ways to automate data processing and update and share best practices for various indices of abundance.

CIE Performance Work Statements: SEFSC plans to be more involved in reviewing statements for various assessments prior to selection of CIE reviewers. Other suggestions were made to RWs with SSC members.

Assessment Webinars: Cooperators can appoint panelists to participation in webinars. SEDAR and cooperators will make a better effort to communicate SEDAR guidelines to participants.





# Next Steps

- Next Steering Committee meeting will be in:
  - August 2024
- Plan to have a mid-meeting (maybe May 2024) to receive updates and exchange any recommendations from the Council and its SSC



# Discuss SEDAR Schedule



# Key Stocks Discussion – priority order?

“**Key Stocks**” are of importance to management and are not necessarily the most data-rich

- 1) Red Snapper
- 2) Red Grouper
- 3) Gag
- 4) King Mackerel
- 5) Greater Amberjack
- 6) Gray Snapper
- 7) Gray Triggerfish
- 8) Vermilion snapper

## Considerations

- Does the Council consider the prioritization to be:
  - high profile stocks;
  - stocks that may suffer from episodic mortality;
  - stocks that have larger commercial or recreational components;
- And/or all of the above?



# Questions?

