

**SEDAR 68 Pre-Data Workshop Webinar**  
**Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Scamp**  
**January 21, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 11:40 AM**  
**Summary Report**

*Life History Working Group*

Fishery-independent data sources were reviewed, with a few data streams added to the list of possible sources to consider for indices. Meristics will be characterized at the data workshop, with length measured in centimeters fork length, and weight in (kilo)grams. Using fork length will help avoid variability due to caudal fin filaments. Aging was finalized by the aging labs to determine the first annulus and the best reading plane, and reference sets have been sent around to those with otoliths to verify ages. Aging of a subsample of Gulf otoliths from 2003-2012 will be completed in time for the operational assessment of scamp in a couple years. Aging for South Atlantic scamp is complete and will be ready for March. Reproductive data from Florida are available, and those from other labs are pending. Matching of transition and mature definitions for reproduction samples will be resolved between labs.

*Recreational Statistics*

The Gulf stock of scamp will be from Texas to western Florida, with the Florida Keys and east being included in the South Atlantic stock. Data being considered are the Southeast Region Headboat Survey (SRHS; 1981 – 2018), Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP; 1981/1986 – 2018), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Sport Boat Angling Survey (TPWD; 1981 – 2018), and LA Creel (2014 – 2018). MRIP data between 1981 and 1985 will come from the MRIP APAIS survey, while data from 1986 and after will come from the Fishing Effort Survey-calibrated MRIP dataset. No discard data are available from the TPWD data. LA Creel discard data are available from 2016+, but no discard data exist for scamp. Some historical recreational landings may be available from 1955 – 1980 from the FHWAR dataset, and will be evaluated for consideration for the assessment. The data currently suggest that scamp in the South Atlantic are larger at age than those in the Gulf.

*Commercial Statistics*

Commercial data will be compiled and distributed in February 2020, and are pending review. Data are expected for 1986 – 2018, and will feature combined scamp and yellowmouth grouper landings. Plots of scamp landings and effort were shared as heat maps, with concentrations of higher landings off Corpus Christi, the Florida Panhandle, Tampa Bay, and the Florida Keys for the Gulf.

*Indices Workgroup*

- Gulf of Mexico
  - Commercial handline
  - Commercial longline
  - SRHS

- MRIP-FES
- Combined SEAMAP Video – East
- SEAMAP Video – West
- Panama City Lab Video
- FWRI MPA Surveys
- Reef Fish Visual Census
- Headboat At-Sea Observers
- ROV Density Surveys (2009 – 2017)
- South Atlantic
  - SERFS (chevron traps, video)
  - Commercial logbook
  - SRHS
  - MRIP-FES
  - Headboat At0Sea Observers
  - SCDNR bottom longline survey
  - ROV South Atlantic MPA Survey
  - SCDNR Charter Boat Logbook

The Discard Mortality Group webinar will be on February 10, 2020 at 11:00 am eastern time.  
 The in-person Data Workshop will be in Charleston, SC from March 16-20, 2020.

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