

Scientific and Statistical Committees
Scope of Work
June 29, 2020
Webinar

Agenda Item II: Approval of SSC Minutes

Action: Review, modify (if necessary), and approve minutes

Committee input and next steps: The SSC will review, modify if necessary, and approve the minutes from the June 1, 2020 webinar meeting of the Standing, Socioeconomic, and Reef Fish SSCs.

Agenda Item IV: Selection of SSC representative for the August 24-27, 2020 Gulf Council Meeting, to be held via webinar

Action: Select SSC representative

Committee input and next steps: The SSC will select a member to participate in the August 2020 Council meeting. The representative will provide a summary to the Council's Reef Fish Committee, answer questions and provide insight into the SSC deliberations.

Agenda item V: Review of NMFS Procedural Guidance for Changing Assessed Stock Status from Known to Unknown

Action: Discussion and recommendations

Committee input and next steps: The Committees will review a presentation by Ms. Regina Spallone (NMFS) on a Procedural Guidance document addressing Changing Assessed Stock Status from Known to Unknown. NMFS has requested Council feedback on this document by July 1st, 2020, with the intention of this procedural guidance informing NMFS and the Councils of how to proceed when stock status may need to change from a "known" condition to an "unknown" condition. The document outlines examples for several scenarios. The SSC should review the Procedural Guidance document and provide feedback to Council staff for the drafting of an official response by the Council.

Agenda Item VI: Other Business

Action: Discussion

Committee Input and Next Steps: Additional items may be brought up for discussion by SSC members, time permitting. If the SSC wishes to pursue action, then action can be scheduled at a future SSC meeting. Public comment will also be heard by the SSC.