

SSC Report – Oct. 22, 2018 Meeting



SSC Recommendations on SEDAR Schedule



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
October 22-25, 2018 Meeting
Mobile, AL

MRIP Calibration Updates

- Originally envisioned 2018-2019 “Lite” updates for Gag, Greater Amberjack, Gray Snapper, Vermilion Snapper and Red Snapper
- **SSC Concerns:**
 - “MRIP-Lites” updating only rec fisheries data but not other inputs
 - Using original terminal year of previous assessments
 - Inconsistency between MRIP calibrated data and state surveys under certification
- **Recommendation:** MRIP calibration updates be incorporated into regularly scheduled assessments when stock status determination and management advice can be provided.
- The SSC had no others changes to the schedule



TOR's for the 2020 OA's for Gag and Greater Amberjack

- SSC reviewed draft TOR's for Operational Assessments for Gag and GAJ
- Terminal year for Gag will be 2019; for GAJ it will be 2017
- **Recommendations:**
 - Explore the use of a biomass dynamic model for GAJ
 - Consider calibration of MRIP-State surveys for rec data
 - Produce RP's for separate as well as combined sexes



“Right-sizing” Stock Assessments

- SEFSC is working on a process to categorize stocks and their available data (and data quality) to help determine the type of assessment used by species or species group. There are three key steps to this process:
 1. Stock assessment prioritization
 2. Stock assessment classification
 3. Gap analysis

