

## SEDAR ASSESSMENT PROJECT PLANNING

### 1. Identifying and Prioritizing Stocks

Stocks to be assessed are proposed by each Cooperator and approved by the Steering Committee. Each Cooperator has latitude to develop a process for identifying and prioritizing stocks to assess. The Steering Committee expects that Cooperators will make use of their standing technical and advisory Committees in determining priorities. The Steering Committee does not dictate priorities to Cooperators, rather it strives to meet the Cooperator needs to the extent possible.

Timing: Ongoing.

### 2. Steering Committee Schedule Development

The Steering Committee regularly reviews Cooperator priorities and balances them against the overall workload capabilities of the various assessment teams. Steering Committee discussion center around assessment 'slots', the basic workload unit by which resources are assigned to projects. The SEFSC Director informs each Cooperator of the number of slots available for the planning period being considered.

Timing: Assessments are assigned to slots at the Fall Steering Committee Meeting, with the Committee working approximately 18 months into the future.

Slots for 2014 assessments are assigned in the Fall of 2012.

### 3. Initial Project Scheduling and Deadline Management

Following Steering Committee assignment of assessment slots, SEDAR staff develops preliminary project schedule frames that address workshop timing and data and report deadlines. The annual framework is developed in conjunction with, and reviewed and approved by, data and analytical team leads to avoid personnel and deadlines overlap and to spread the workload around the year. Rules developed over the years dictate desired timing between workshops within a project and between similar workshops of different projects, and that overlap with Council and Cooperator Technical Committee meetings be avoided.

Timing: Goal is completed planning framework by end of the year

End of 2012 for 2014 assessments

### 4. Project Timing and Deadline Review

The general framework of workshop schedules and project deadlines approved by the program leads is next distributed to the SEDAR Technical Committee, key data providers and Cooperators for further review. Any conflicts or workload issues identified by these groups are resolved by the program leads if possible, and forwarded for Steering Committee consideration if necessary.

Timing: Technical Committee and Second Tier review conducted in early spring.

Early 2013 for 2014 assessments.

## 5. Final Steering Committee Review

The Steering Committee is provided an opportunity to review the final framework schedules during its Spring meeting. Any changes in schedule order or stocks to be assessed are considered at this time. The intent is that the schedule becomes final at this meeting.

Timing: Meeting generally held in May.

2014 assessments timing is finalized at the May 2013 meeting

## 6. Detailed Project Schedules

Following approval of the framework schedule, SEDAR coordinators begin developing the detailed project schedules that guide the process. These are provided to the Cooperators for final approval. Each Cooperator is allowed to develop a process for reviewing and considering project schedules. Due the need to balance and coordinate the efforts of many overlapping projects involving many Cooperators and technical teams, there is usually limited latitude to make major changes within detailed project schedules. Significant changes in workshop timing usually requires moving back up several steps to ensure conflicts are not created with other projects.

Timing: Late Spring/Early Summer

2014 Assessment projects made available to Cooperators for their early summer meetings of 2013.

## Example of Project Framework Schedule for 2014 SEDAR Projects

### *SEDAR 33 – Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack and Gag (benchmark)*

DW: May 20-24, 2013 – Tampa, FL

AW (via webinars): July-November, 2013

RW: February 24-27, 2014 – Miami, FL

Terminal Year of Data: 2012

Report Available to Council: April 2014

Coordinator: Ryan

### *SEDAR 35 – Caribbean Red Hind (benchmark)*

DW: October 9-11, 2013 – St. Thomas, USVI

AW (via webinars): January-March, 2014

RW: May 13-15, 2014 – Miami, FL

Terminal Year of Data: 2012

Report Available to Council: July 2014

Coordinator: Julie

### *SEDAR 38 –SAFMC/GMFMC King Mackerel (benchmark)*

DW: December 9-13, 2013 – Charleston, SC

AW: March 24-28, 2014 – Miami, FL

RW: August 12-14, 2014 – Miami, FL

Terminal Year of Data: 2012/2013?

Report Available to Council: September 2014

Coordinator: Julie

### *SEDAR 39 – HMS Smoothhound Complexes (benchmark)*

DW: March 31 – April 4 – Charleston, SC

AW webinars: June-August 2014

RW: September 9-11, 2014 – Panama City, FL

Terminal Year of Data: 2012

Report Available to Agency: November 2014

Coordinator: Julie

### *SEDAR 40 – ASFMC menhaden (Review only)*

RW: November 2014 – Beaufort, NC

Terminal Year of Data: 2012?

Report Available to Commission: December 2015

Coordinator: Julia

*SEDAR 41 – South Atlantic Red Snapper and Gray Triggerfish (benchmark) – AW and RW dates are tentative pending discussions with SEFSC personnel*

DW: August 4-8, 2014 - Charleston

AW workshop: January 2015

RW: June 2015 – Morehead City, NC

Terminal Year of Data: 2013

Report Available to Council: August 2015

Coordinator: Julia

*SEDAR 42 –Caribbean Data Poor Stocks TBA (benchmark)*

DW: October 2014 - ???

Assessment via webinars: ~January – March 2015

RW: May, 2015 – Miami, FL

Terminal Year of Data: 2013

Report Available to Council: July 2015

Coordinator: Julie

*SEDAR 43 –Gulf of Mexico Red Grouper (benchmark) – these dates are tentative pending discussions with SEFSC personnel*

DW: Nov/Dec 2014 – Tampa?

Assessment via webinars (~March – July 2015)

RW: August 2015 – Miami, FL

Terminal Year of Data: 2013

Report Available to Council: September 2015

Coordinator: Julie

Other Assessments/data needs scheduled for 2014:

Updates for SA Gag Grouper:

Data Deadline: 10 February 2014

Terminal Year of Data: 2012

Report Available to Council: May 2014

Coordinator: Julia

Update for Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper:

Data Deadline: 31 August 2014

Terminal Year of Data: 2013

Report Available to Council: December 2014

Coordinator: Julie

Update of Black Grouper (Florida assessment lead):

Data Deadline: 22 September 2014

Terminal Year of Data: 2013

Report Available to Council: May 2015

Coordinator: Julie

*Data Deadlines Summary Table (arranged in chronological order by data deadline)*

<b>SEDAR Project</b>	<b>Data Deadline</b>	<b>Assessment Type</b>
SA Gag Grouper	10 February 2014	Update
S39 - HMS Finetooth and Smooth dogfish	14 March 2014	Benchmark
S40 - South Atlantic Red Snapper and Red Porgy	18 July 2014	Benchmark
Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper	31 August 2014	Update
Florida Black Grouper	22 September 2014	Update
S41 - Caribbean Data Poor Species (TBA)	3 October 2014	Benchmark
S4X - Gulf of Mexico Red Grouper	???	Benchmark