



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Caribbean; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review;

Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Southeast Data Assessment and Review 103 Data Webinar 1 for Caribbean Application of Alternate Assessment Methods.

SUMMARY: The Southeast Data Assessment and Review (SEDAR) 103 assessment process of Caribbean Alternate Assessment Methods will consist of a Development Workshop, a series of Assessment Webinars, and a Review Workshop. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

DATES: The SEDAR 103 Data Webinar 1 will be held from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. EST February 27, 2026.

ADDRESSES: *SEDAR address:* 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405. *www.sedarweb.org.*

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Meeting address:* The SEDAR 103 Data Webinar 1 will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. The webinar is open to members of the public. The established times may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the assessment process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from or completed prior to the time established by this notice.

The Gulf, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the SEDAR process. SEDAR is a participatory process for developing, evaluating and reviewing information used for fisheries management advice. This multi-step process for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region may include 1) a Data stage, and 2) an Assessment stage, and 3) a Review stage. Each stage produces a report summarizing decisions made during that stage. A final stock assessment report is produced at the end of a SEDAR process documenting data sets used, model configurations and the opinions from the independent peer review. Participants for SEDAR projects are appointed by the Gulf, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and National Marine Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants may include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, non-governmental organizations; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and Federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the SEDAR 103 Data Webinar 1 are as follows:

Participants will review data and discuss Caribbean management history.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to each workshop.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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