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### *MEMORANDUM*

TO: Steve Bortone, Executive Director, GMFMC  
FROM: Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator  
DATE: September 29, 2009  
RE: Schedule approval for SEDAR 22, Gulf of Mexico Yellowedge Grouper and Tilefish and the 2010 Greater Amberjack Update

Attached you should find the draft schedules for both the SEDAR 22 benchmark assessment of the Gulf of Mexico stocks of yellowedge grouper and tilefish and the update assessment of Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack.

These schedules have been produced through discussions with the lead assessment team with acknowledgement of other known meetings and time constraints and in accordance with the new SEDAR Process approved at the May 2009 SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting to ensure that you will receive the final product by your April 2011 Council meeting.

SEDAR 22 will assess the Gulf of Mexico stocks of yellowedge grouper and tilefish. Workshop dates are: Data Workshop, March 15 – 19, 2010; Assessment Panel webinars, June – August 2010, and SSC/Review Workshop, February 14 - 18, 2011. All workshops will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Monday and conclude by 1:00 p.m. on Friday. Webinar sessions may last between two and four hours, scheduled approximately once a week as necessary during the assessment period.

The Greater Amberjack update process will begin in April 2010 with data scoping calls and webinars. The initial assessment period will be July – September 2010, where webinars and conference calls will be utilized to produce the base run and select sensitivities. The in-person workshop will be held in late October/early November 2010 where the assessment panel will meet to finalize the update assessment and produce the report. The SSC/Review workshop will be held February 14 -18, 2011.

Both the SEDAR 22 benchmark and the Greater Amberjack update assessments are to be reviewed by your SSC, in conjunction with several CIE reviewers, the week of 14 February 2011. This timing will allow the reviews and reports to be completed and available to your Council for their April 2011 meeting.

While it is suggested that only 4 SSC members be officially appointed members of the Review Panel, the intent is that the entire SSC will be present during the Review to observe and participant in the process.

I would appreciate it if this matter could be included for discussion and approval at your October 2009 Council meeting. Please inform me of the results of your consideration by Nov 16, 2009.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Julie A Neer