

# SEDAR 103: Caribbean Application of Alternate Assessment Methods

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# About SEDAR 103

- Review and recommend options for alternative assessment approaches to better inform management of US Caribbean federally managed species
  - Approaches likely to differ among species and species groups
  - Goal is to have analytical approaches recommended for most federally managed species in the US Caribbean
- Project started in January 2026 (a delay from the original 2025 start date due to the 2025 government shut down)
- In-person workshop: August 17-21 in Miami, FL

SEDAR 103 Workflow



Source: SEDAR

# SEDAR 103 Schedule: Data Webinars

| Date              | Webinar                                                                                                                    | Status |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| January 16, 2026  | Data Scoping Webinar<br>• <i>Discuss ToRs, scope of work, discuss working papers and reference documents</i>               | Done   |
| February 27, 2026 | Data Webinar 1<br>• <i>Fisheries Dependent Data Review; Management History; Reporting Form History</i>                     | Done   |
| April 1, 2026     | Data Webinar 2<br>• <i>Fisheries Independent Data Review; Ecosystem, Environmental, Anthropogenic, Habitat Data Review</i> | Done   |
| April 29, 2026    | Data Webinar 3<br>• <i>Cont. FI/Ecosystem; Life History Data Review; Morphometrics Database</i>                            | Next   |
| May 20, 2026      | Data Webinar 4<br>• <i>Socioeconomic Data Review; fishery characterization</i>                                             | Next   |
| June, 2026 (TBD)  | Data Webinar 5<br>• <i>Pacific Islands assessment history, Analytical methods lightning talks</i>                          | Next   |



# SEDAR 103

## Data sets presented to date

Date

February 27, 2026

### Data Webinar I Agenda (FD Data Review)

| Topic                                                                                          | Presenter                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Management History                                                                             | Gaitlyn Malone             |
| Data Triage Overview                                                                           | Stephanie Martinez (SEFSC) |
| MRIP/MRFSS Landings Data                                                                       | Stephanie Martinez (SEFSC) |
| MRIP/MRFSS Size Composition Data                                                               | Katherine Godwin (CIMAS)   |
| Puerto Rico DRNA Recreational Port Sampling                                                    | Grisel Rodriguez (PR DRNA) |
| Reporting Form History and Review                                                              | Refik Orhun                |
| Caribbean Commercial Logbook Data and Catch Reports                                            | Stephanie Martinez (SEFSC) |
| Caribbean TIP                                                                                  | Katherine Godwin (CIMAS)   |
| Spiny Lobster Size Selectivity                                                                 | Katherine Godwin (CIMAS)   |
| MER Commercial Port Sampling                                                                   | David Behringer (CIMAS)    |
| Length Composition Data from Calibrated Digital Photographs                                    | Derek Soto (CIMAS)         |
| USVI Tournament Data, Atlantic Tournament Registry, and SEFSC Highly Migratory Species Logbook | Kevin McCarthy (SEFSC)     |

April 1, 2026

### Data Webinar II Agenda (FI, Ecosystem Data Review)

| Topic                        | Presenter            |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| NCRMP                        | Jeremiah Blondeau    |
| DCRMP                        | Jeremiah Blondeau    |
| Deepwater Reef Fish Survey   | Steve Smith          |
| Conch Survey                 | Jennifer Doerr       |
| PRCRMP - benthic + fish      | Reni Garcia          |
| NPS Lobster Survey           | Lee Richter          |
| SEAMAP-C                     | Omar Zayaz Cruz      |
| Juvenile Lobster Trap Survey | Kevin McCarthy / HJR |
| Ecosystem Status Report      | Mandy Karnauskas     |

# SEDAR 103 Schedule: TBD

| Date               | Webinar/workshop                                                                                                 | Status |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| July 2026          | Pre Workshop Webinar<br>• <i>Continue analytical methods lightning talks if need, discuss workshop logistics</i> | Next   |
| August, 2026       | Working paper submission for Method Development Workshop to SEDAR Staff                                          | Next   |
| August 17-21, 2026 | <b>In-Person Method Development Workshop (Miami, FL)</b>                                                         | Next   |
| September, 2026    | Post-workshop Webinar 1                                                                                          | Next   |
| September, 2026    | Deadline for Final Working Papers                                                                                | Next   |
| October, 2026      | Draft Method Development Reports to Panel for Review                                                             | Next   |
| October, 2026      | Post-workshop webinar 2<br>• <i>Finish workshop discussions and begin assessment application</i>                 | Next   |
| October, 2026      | Report Comments due to Editors                                                                                   | Next   |
| November, 2026     | Final Report to SEDAR Staff                                                                                      | Next   |



# SEDAR 103 Schedule: TBD

| Tentative date    | Webinar/workshop                                                    | Status |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| November 2026     | Assessment Application Webinar 1                                    | Next   |
| December 2026     | Assessment Application Webinar 2                                    | Next   |
| January 2027      | Assessment Application Webinar 3                                    | Next   |
| February 2027     | Assessment Application Webinar 4                                    | Next   |
| February 22, 2027 | Draft Assessment Application Reports to Panel for Review            | Next   |
| March 8, 2027     | Report Comments due to Editors                                      | Next   |
| March 2027        | Final Report to SEDAR Staff                                         | Next   |
| March 2027        | Final Distribution to Review Panel                                  | Next   |
| Spring 2027       | In-Person Review Workshop                                           | Next   |
| End of Workshop   | First Draft Review Reports                                          | Next   |
| May 2027          | Review Workshop Panel Drafts due to Chair                           | Next   |
| June 2027         | Review Workshop Addenda/Revision Reports due to Chair & SEDAR Staff | Next   |
| June 2027         | Review Workshop Panel Reports due to SEDAR Staff                    | Next   |
| June 2027         | Complete Assessment Report Submitted to SEDAR at SAFMC/SERO/SEFSC   | Next   |

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## SEDAR 103 US Caribbean Application of Alternate Assessment Methods



### Project Description

SEDAR 103 will provide development and application of alternate assessment methods for Caribbean island-based FMP species. The Development Workshop will be in Miami, Florida and is scheduled for August 17-21, 2026. The Development Workshop will be followed by a series of application webinars from November 2026 through March 2027. There will be a Review Workshop in spring of 2027.

For more information, please contact the SEDAR Coordinator for this project, Emily L. Ott: [Emily.Ott@safmc.net](mailto:Emily.Ott@safmc.net)

NOTE: SEDAR Working papers document the methods, datasets, and preliminary analyses that are under consideration at the various workshops and therefore do not necessarily represent final consensus opinions of workshop participants. Working paper findings and methods may change following workshop review. Working papers should not be cited without author permission.

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