

# **NEFMC Research Priorities and Data Needs for 2017-2021 DRAFT**

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# Directive for setting research priorities

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### **Each Council shall.....**

(7) develop, in conjunction with the scientific and statistical committee, multi-year research priorities for fisheries, fisheries interactions, habitats, and other areas of research that are necessary for management purposes, that shall—

(A) establish priorities for 5-year periods;

(B) be updated as necessary; and

(C) be submitted to the Secretary and the regional science centers of the National Marine Fisheries Service for their consideration in developing research priorities and budgets for the region of the Council.....



# Timeline

<b>2009</b>	Council approves “ <i>Research Priorities and Data Needs, 2010-2014</i> ”
<b>2015 - 2016</b>	All species committees and PDTs collaboratively update list
<b>March 2017</b>	Input of Research Steering Committee
<b>April 2017</b>	Council approval of 2017-2021 list
<b>Spring 2017</b>	Scientific and Statistical Committee consultation, submission to NMFS



# Research Priorities and Data Needs, 2017-2022

Eight pages of priorities and needs identified or updated, organized by topic:

- Fishery surveys
- Population dynamics
- Stock assessments
- Fisheries management
- Fishery performance and monitoring
- Bycatch
- Habitat
- Ecosystems
- Endangered, threatened and protected species
- Socioeconomics

