

NEFMC Research Priorities and Data Needs for 2019-2023 DRAFT

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Research priority setting directive

MSFCMA 109-497

Each Council shall...

“Section 302 (h) Each Council shall develop, in conjunction with the scientific and statistical committee, multi-year research priorities for fisheries, fishery 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

Spring 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council approved 2017-2021 priorities (Word version). • SSC reviewed priorities, recommended prioritizing the list to better address needs. • Council submitted document to NMFS.
Summer -fall 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Steering Committee also recommended prioritizing the priorities and looking into how other Council develop these lists. • Staff reached out to all Councils; found much variety. NPFMC uses a spreadsheet, updates annually.
Winter 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council tasked staff with transforming the list into a spreadsheet, with rationale, prioritization, research category (e.g., habitat, bycatch), status (e.g., not begun, underway), etc.
Spring- summer 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff adapted NPFMC approach and collaborated with all PDTs to: transform list into spreadsheet, develop rationale, prioritization. • Council approved spreadsheet and annual update process.
Winter 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff, PDTs and Committees collaborated to make 2019-2023 update recommendations.



2019-2023 updates

- Spreadsheet for SSC consideration:
 - Updates from:
 - Habitat, Scallop and Groundfish PDTs and Cttees.
 - Herring PDT (Cte met March 28).
 - Started with **104** priorities, recommending **96**.
 - Unchanged = 76
 - Deleted = 17
 - Modified = 11
 - Added = 9

Red = proposed deletion

Green = proposed addition

Blue = comment or rationale for change

