2023 Council Priorities

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2022 Accomplishments

- Actions completed or completion anticipated*
  - Completed submission of 2021 actions
  - SNE HAPC designation
  - Skate Amendment 8
  - Scallop leasing amendment scoping; SSSWG;
  - eFEP Workshop and initial MSE development
  - Groundfish FW 64*
  - Scallop FW 35*
  - Monkfish specifications *
  - Atlantic Herring specifications*
  - Offshore wind engagement
Process

- Create list of possible tasks
- Council members rank each task
- Committees review and make recommendations
- Executive Committee considers ranking, recommendations, resources and develops proposed slate
- Council accepts or modified recommendation and establishes priorities for 2022
- Mid-year changes require Council approval
Ongoing Multiyear Priorities

- EBFM eFEP Development
- Cod Stock Structure science and management
- Offshore Wind engagement; Northern Edge
- Fishery dependent data project
- Council Program Review Implementation
- RSA Program Review implementation
- Etc.....
2022 Priorities

- List of possible tasks in binders
  - Council actions
  - Major staff tasks
- Presence on list does not imply approval
- Tasks identified exceed resources available
Task Additions Since Mailing

- **Groundfish:**
  - Examining modifications to the universal sector exemptions for redfish.
  - Continue as a multi-year priority work on Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) control rules to examine Approach #2 – Modify the existing Control Rules and Approach #3 – Replace the existing Control Rules.
  - Evaluate fisheries exceeding 5% total catch for Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic winter flounder.
  - Evaluate the uncertainty in Georges Bank cod catch estimates and recommend how to use in recreational management.
  - Develop a mechanism to quantify how many anglers are catching/targeting groundfish.
  - Evaluate the current and potential new Northeast Multispecies management measures to protect Atlantic cod spawning, within the Council’s transition plan to move from 2 units to up to 5 units (multi-year priority).
Task Additions Since Mailing (cont).

- Scallops
  - Adjustments to DAS counting or demarcation to address transiting long distances on DAS trips
  - Develop measures to address issues with vessel breakdown or catastrophic failure that cause a vessel to lose DAS or access area allocation
  - Address movements between LAGC permit categories and increasing number of permits in the NGOM fishery
  - Develop seasonal measures for the directed scallop fishery on Stellwagen Bank that mitigate negative impacts for sand lance population (key forage fish). (SBNMS)
Task Additions Since Mailing (cont).

- Atlantic Herring
  - White paper reviewing other global herring fisheries for measures to promote rebuilding
  - White paper evaluating treatment of Canadian catches and transfer provisions
  - White paper to consider how to update RH/S catch caps and measures
  - Implications of migrating to CAMS for herring catch in ACL monitoring and assessments
  - Herring RT ecosystem TOR on forage fish competition for resources
Things to Consider During Ranking

- Climate Scenario Exercise report implementation
- Protected species developments
- Allocation reviews
- Mid-term planning/strategy issues
  - Risk policy
  - Scallop strategy
  - Other?
Questions?