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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 3, 2021
TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee
FROM: Tom Nies
SUBJECT: **June 8, 2021, SSC discussion of Council research priorities**

The purpose of the Scientific and Statistical Committee discussion of the draft 2021-2025 Council Research Priorities and Data Needs, to be held on June 8, 2021, will be to recommend whether there should be any revisions to the priorities as approved by the Council in June 2020 and as revised thus far in 2021 by the Council's Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Committees. Please focus on addressing the following questions:

- Does the SSC agree with the recommendations for revisions made to date by the FMP committees?
- Should any priorities be further revised?
- Should there be any additions to or deletions from the list?

In 2020, the SSC made several recommendations to add additional information for each research priority item to the spreadsheet and/or enhance the research priority setting process and communication about the priorities. As described in the June 1 staff memo, the Council has made some changes and is still considering others. For the June 8 meeting, the priorities themselves needs to be the focus of discussion.

Thank you in advance for your careful attention.