2016 Council Priorities (approved at the December 2015 Council meeting)

		Cmt	ExCmt	Council
Sea Scallops				
	Prepare a specifications package to set FY 2017 and 2018 (2019 default) specifications (i.e. setting DAS, access area trips, Northern GOM TAC, limited access general category IFQ allocations, potential modification of scallop access area boundaries, etc.). Clarification needed on whether this is for one or two year specifications.	✓	✓	✓
	Framework action to modify scallop access areas to be consistent with OA2 revised areas (including CAI carryover trips in the north); develop gear modifications to further protect small scallops (same as reactive windowpane flounder AM)	✓	~	~
	Host a workshop to address concerns raised about scallop fishing pressure in inshore areas.	✓	~	~
	Staff: Support technical and management reviews for Research Set Aside program	✓	✓	✓
	Integrate findings from Sea Scallop Survey Methods Peer Review (process TBD)	✓		
	Staff: NMFS and PDT have new annual responsibilities related to estimating scallop and YT catch during the year (i.e. LA AM exception, re-evaluation of YT sub-ACL based on updated information).	✓	✓	✓

	2015		20:						16						2017			
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
FW27		final action	Pre - submit doc	NMFS review	Final submission doc	Implement												
EFH			NMFS reviewing FEIS					prep for potential modification of C boundaires pending EFH action app not sure what action would implem		proval -			Implement ?					
A19	Public hearings + comment response	final action				presubmit		final submit	NMFS review	deem regs	Implmt.							
Workshop				workshop		report to council					any measu 2017 work							
RSA		review 2016 apps	2016 Mngt review meeting			2016 RSA awards	meeting to review 2014/15	Approve 2017 priorities and 5 year priorities						review 2017 apps	2017 Mngt review meeting		2017 RSA awards	PDT/AP meeting to review 2015/16 results
2017 specs								initiate					final action		pre- submit		Final submit and deem regs	Implement
FW28								initiate					final action		pre- submit		Final submit and deem regs	Implement
Still uncertain if 2017 specs will be for one year or two - and still uncertain if 2017 specs will be in a spec package or a framework combined with other measures (FW28)																		
FW28 could include measures related to ACL structure, modification to GB access areas, and gear mods for small scallops - those are the ones identified in priorities																		
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