

Figure 1 – Summary of resource allocation from October 2016 through September 2017. Numbers in parentheses reflect last year's ranking if different from this year. CORRECTED

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Meetings	Council Time	Personnel Costs	Overall
Herring (3)	Misc.	Scallops	Scallops
Groundfish (4)	Groundfish	Whiting (6)	Herring(3) Groundfish (2)
Scallops (1)	Herring (5)	Groundfish (2)	
EBFM (6)	Habitat (NR)	Herring	Whiting (6)
SSC (2)	Scallops (3)	Habitat (3)	Habitat (4)
Skates (NR)	Reports (4)	EBFM (5)	EBFM (5)

Prioritization Exercise

4. In order to help the Executive Committee allocate Council resources, each Council member was asked to rank each task as a high, medium, or low priority task. Sixteen of eighteen Council members replied, but some respondents did not rank every task. The ratings were converted to a score (high=3, medium = 2, and low = 1), summed for each task, and the tasks ranked in order. The average score (33.4) and standard deviation (SD) (6.7) across all tasks was calculated. Given the standard deviation, scores within a few points of each other do not reflect a difference in importance as evaluated by the Council. The SD for each task was also calculated. Lower SDs for a task could be interpreted as indicating more agreement on the task's ranking; higher SDs indicate less agreement on the task's importance. Perfect agreement would result in an SD of 0; an even distribution (4 high, 6 medium, 4 low) results in an SD of 0.82, and an even split (8 high, 8 low) results in an SD close to 1.

5. There are a few observations worth noting from this ranking exercise.

- Council members generally agree on the importance of the top twelve tasks. With a few exceptions, they also agree on the relative importance of the bottom five or ten ranked tasks.
- Tasks with the highest SD (over 0.8) include one that was ranked above average and some below average. This high SD indicates a divergence of opinion among Council members on the importance of these tasks. The above average task with a divergence of opinion was eVTRs for party/charter vessels. Below average tasks included completion of limited entry for the whiting fishery (Amendment 22), increasing LAGC trip limits, and the Trawl Survey AP.
- While Council members were asked to rank all tasks, some are not discretionary, even if ranked low.