

# 2017 Council Priorities

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## **2016 Accomplishments**

- Actions completed or completion anticipated
  - OHA2 submission
  - Groundfish Framework 56
  - Council Risk Policy Implementation
  - Monkfish specifications
  - Red Crab specifications



## **2016 Accomplishments (cont.)**

- Actions completed or completion anticipated
  - Scallops Framework 28
  - Amendment 18 submission





# Ongoing Multiyear Priorities

- EBFM FEP
- Industry-funded monitoring amendment
- Deep-Sea Coral Amendment
- Groundfish ASM
- Herring Amendment
- Limited Entry: Whiting, Skates, Party/Charter
- Fishery dependent data project



# 2017 Priorities

- List of possible tasks in binders
  - Council actions
  - Major staff tasks
- No prioritization by Executive Committee yet; some Committees have reviewed list
- Tasks identified exceed resources available





# Task Additions

- In-season recreational fishery adjustments (groundfish)
- Revise Atlantic halibut management (groundfish)
- Remove small-dredge exemption area limits (groundfish)
- Northern red hake AM, expand season in small mesh areas (whiting)
- Understand and resolve poor assessment model performance (SSC)
- “Plan B” guidelines; consider changing groundfish control rules (SSC)
- Update RH/S white paper in advance of 2018 review of management approach (public/herring)



# Task Discussion

- Allocation review triggers
- Programmatic review of Council operations
- Strategic Plan
- Strategic approach to bycatch monitoring

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# Questions?