



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 7, 2017
TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Tom Nies
SUBJECT: 2018 Council Priorities

1. The attached documents are to help the Executive Committee develop recommendations for 2018 Council priorities. I will update enclosure (1) for the Council meeting to reflect the Executive Committee recommendations.

- a. The first attachment lists identified possible tasks. Tasks are listed by FMP, with tasks that should be completed by the end of the year in the first column and multi-year tasks in the second column. My advice for Executive Committee recommendations are marked with an “x”. Tasks that I do not recommend are also in italics. The list includes major staff tasks that are expected to occur. My recommendations assume that most multi-year tasks in progress will continue until completed, and that all regulatory requirements will be addressed.
- b. The second attachment summarizes the prioritization of the tasks by Council members. The prioritization and other issues are discussed below.

2. Not all Committees have had an opportunity to identify their preferred priorities for 2018.

Resource Use

3. The results of the priority exercise guide how the Council uses its resources, so it may be useful to look the previous year’s expenditures. Figure 1 below summarizes our resource use from 1 October 2016 through 30 September 2017. Meeting and contract expenses were summarized by topic, Council costs were allocated to topics by the amount of actual time spent on each topic (last year’s report used scheduled time), and personnel costs were assigned based on staff tasking.

Figure 1 – Summary of resource allocation from October 2016 through September 2017. Numbers in parentheses reflect last year’s ranking.

2017 Resource Allocation

Meetings	Council Time	Personnel Costs	Overall
Herring (3)	Misc.	Scallops	Scallops
Groundfish (4)	Groundfish	Groundfish	Groundfish
Scallops (1)	Herring (5)	Whiting (6)	Herring
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 an effort 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.
 - a. There is general agreement among Council members on the importance of the top twelve tasks. With a few exceptions, there is also general agreement on the relative importance of the bottom five or ten ranked tasks.
 - b. Tasks with the highest SD (over 0.8) include some that were 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.
 - c. While Council members were asked to rank all tasks, some are not discretionary, even if ranked low.

Groundfish

6. The highest-ranked groundfish priorities are adjusting rebuilding programs as required and the ASM amendment. There is little interest on the Council in pursuing party/charter limited entry, a GB cod sub-ACL for the recreational fishery (this may change given the FY 2016 catch), or the five-year sector review.

7. After every cod assessment, the issue of stock structure surfaces. Little formal progress has been made on it for over four years, but it appears that this year may see progress on this issue. The NRCC will be briefed in November on plans to address this issue. At the same time Council member interest is waning.

Monkfish

8. No actions are planned for this FMP.

Sea Scallops

9. There is general agreement on the importance of the top three scallop tasks: specifications and management measures for 2019, modifying the access areas because of Omnibus Habitat Amendment 2 (OHA2), and NGOM management changes.

10. A related issue is that the Scallop Committee recommended only one year of specifications (with a second default year). We have fallen into the practice of adjusting scallop specifications each year even though the FMP and the regulations call for a two-year cycle. This inhibits the ability of the Committee and PDT to address other scallop management issues. It also increase uncertainty for the industry, as the annual adjustments cannot be determined until late fall. The Executive Committee may want to encourage the Council to revisit a biennial adjustment process. One idea that may be worth considering is a two-year cycle with an annual review to see if an adjustment is warranted.

11. While the Scallop Committee supports considering a change to the LAGC trip limit, this was not ranked highly by the Council as a whole.

Herring

12. Completing the herring amendment to develop a new ABC control rule and to address localized depletion are the main tasks facing this committee. The Council should also update the RH/S white paper and consider whether any of those stocks should be added to the FMP.

13. Timing of herring actions could be problematic. Amendment 8 will need to be completed during the first half of the year. This is also when initial work will begin on the 2018 benchmark assessment, which will occupy key PDT members. The second half of the year will be when the specifications package is prepared. The Council may explore a contractor to update the RH/S white paper

Habitat

14. Work will continue on the Deep-Sea Coral amendment and the framework that will consider surfclam vessel access to habitat management areas. Both should be completed this year. There is a need for the Council to pay close attention to wind-power developments, a task assigned to the Habitat Committee last year. We expect we will be able to complete the framework that will consider surf clam access to habitat management areas.

Whiting/Small Mesh Multispecies

15. Completion of the whiting limited entry program will compete for staff time with the EFBM fishery ecosystem plan. There is also a need to address southern red hake rebuilding requirements and several other small-mesh issues.

Skates

16. Last year the Council agreed to develop a limited entry program for the skate fishery. Limited progress was made on this task (by plan). This year the Council shows little interest in continuing this effort. The Executive Committee may want to discuss whether to continue this project.

EBFM

17. Work will continue on the fishery ecosystem plan. If progress is made on this FEP, next year the Council will need to decide how to incorporate this work into management.

Trawl Survey Advisory Panel

18. This AP was ranked below average by Council members. Because the panel is staffed by the MAFMC with funding from the NEFSC, participation does not tax Council staff.

SSC

19. This year the SSC submitted three recommendations for priorities. Two address groundfish assessments and projects, and one addresses a larger issue that often is an issue with groundfish. The SSC suggested similar topics last year but made little progress. The Executive Committee may want to discuss the role of the SSC in efforts like this. For example, one of the identified projects is "Understand and resolve poor assessment model performance." While an important topic, the question is whether this is within the scope of the SSC's charge. It is likely that any SSC effort will require some staff support or will lead to future Council actions.

20. The SSC will probably be involved in the review of revised rebuilding plans for groundfish stocks, as well as identifying status determination criteria for empirical assessments.

Grouping

21. Enclosure (1) does not group all tasks into management actions. There could be changes made to these suggestions enclose after the Council makes its decisions.

Other

22. As mentioned in my September memorandum to the Council, we have a number of ongoing projects to complete (RSA program review, Council program review, FDD project). The Council should be cautious about starting additional projects before these are completed.

23. There are several monitoring initiatives that are being pursued, with little apparent coordination. While the NRCC will discuss this issue next week, the Executive Committee may want to try to determine how these efforts can be coordinated.

24. The Council ranking exercise revealed little appetite for two tasks delegated by NMFS: the five year review of the Northeast Multispecies sector program and the identification of allocation review triggers. These are important tasks that cannot be delayed indefinitely.

25. The Council staff will need to spend some time on the review of regulations early next year, so this will be added to the priorities list before the December Council meeting.

Enclosures: (1) 2015 Draft Priorities – Executive Director Recommendations
(2) 2015 Priority Ranking

UNDERLINE: REGULATORY REQUIREMENT						<i>Italics: Not Recommended by ED</i>				
FMP	Annual	Comm.	ED	Council	Rank	Multi-Year	Comm.	ED	Council	Rank
Groundfish										
	<u>Revise rebuilding plans as needed (ocean pout, GB winter flounder, witch flounder, GOM/GB windowpane flounder, SNE/MA yellowtail flounder); set ABCs/ACLs for US/CA stocks;additional guidance on sector overages</u>		✓		4/18/18	ASM action/Amendment 23		✓		4
						Staff: Cod Stock Structure Workshop		✓		67
	<i>Process for review of groundfish catch in other fisheries</i>				72	<i>Amendment to consider limited entry in the groundfish party/charter fishery</i>				75
	<u>Address SDC issue when analytic assessments fail</u>		✓		18	<i>Develop alternative strategies for setting catch advice for stability in ACLs</i>				18
	Address allocation issues if raised by new MRIP data		✓		50					
	<i>Develop amendment that considers changes to management status of windowpane flounder stocks</i>				57					
	Get input on different ways to manage recreational fishery in light of highly variable catch estimates: for example, consideration of catch error estimates under MRIP, and errors in bioeconomic model used to determine measures		✓		50					
	Staff: TRAC/TMGC		✓		13					
	Possible recreational sub-ACL for GB cod		✓		65					
	<i>Modify the GF control rule for stocks without analytical models – i.e., empirical and index-based (see SSC list below, item 9 above)</i>				35					
	<i>Adjust exemption areas as necessary due to OHA2 changes (GenCat sea scallop, whiting, etc.; may be better addressed by other Committees)</i>				47					
	Specify allocation review triggers		✓		63					
	Consider requirement for eVTRs in the party/charter recreational fishery		✓		35					

FMP	Annual	Comm.	ED	Council	Rank	Multi-Year	Comm.	ED	Council	Rank
	Staff: Sector five-year review		✓		54					
Monkfish										
	<i>Staff: Research Set Aside</i>				NR					
Sea Scallops										
	<u>Prepare a specifications package to set FY 2019 and 2020 (2021 default) specifications (i.e. setting DAS, access area trips, Northern GOM TAC, limited access general category IFQ allocations, etc.). Clarification needed on whether this is for one or two year specifications.</u>	✓	✓		1	<i>Amendment to consider harvester associations</i>				78
	Framework action to modify scallop access areas to be consistent with OA2 revised management areas	✓	✓		13					
	NGOM scallop management measure changes: such as changing opening date, consistent gear restrictions, possession limits, effort controls.	✓	✓		16					
	<i>Action to consider increasing General Category trip limits</i>	✓			57					
	Gear modifications to protect small scallops (extended link)	✓	✓		35					
	<i>Measures to address DAS and IFQ carryover</i>				67					
	Staff: Support annual scallop RSA process, including priority setting, and technical and management reviews.		✓		29					
	NMFS and PDT have new annual responsibilities related to estimating scallop, YT, windowpane catch during the year (i.e. LA AM exception, re-evaluation of YT sub-ACL based on updated information).		✓		18					
	2018 benchmark. Integrate findings from 2018 benchmark (process TBD, but may include additional review of how surveys are combined for management advice)	✓	✓		9					

FMP	Annual	Comm.	ED	Council	Rank	Multi-Year	Comm.	ED	Council	Rank
	<i>RSA program review and modifications</i>				42					
	Specify allocation review triggers		✓		73					
	<i>Monitoring and catch accounting provisions</i>				29					
	<i>Adjustments to scallop industry funded observer program (NGOM coverage, etc.)</i>				18					
Herring										
	Specifications for 2019-2021; consider different stratification for RH/S in SA 521		✓		1	Amendment 8: MSE for ABC control rule and measures to address localized depletion		✓		9
	2018 benchmark assessment		✓		4					
	Update of RH/S white paper and reconsideration of RH/S as stocks that need conservation and management (i.e. "stocks in the fishery")		✓		29					
	Staff: Coordination with MAFMC, ASMFC on various herring issues (RH/S, etc.)		✓		43					
	<i>EM MWT Pilot Project</i>				26					
SBRM										
	<i>No Action Planned</i>									
Red Crab										
	<i>No Action Planned</i>									
Habitat	<i>(No Committee recommendations)</i>									
	Complete Omnibus Deep-Sea Coral Amendment		✓			Coordinate wind power issues with other agencies/spatial planning		✓		NR
	Framework action to address surfclam access to HMAs		✓		9					
	Staff: Update and further development of the SASI model		✓		57					
	Staff: Habitat impacts of other management actions		✓		47					
	Staff: ASMFC Habitat Committee		✓		NR					
	Staff: SBNMS Advisory Council		✓		73					

FMP	Annual	Comm.	ED	Council	Rank	Multi-Year	Comm.	ED	Council	Rank
	Develop habitat and fishery related comments on non-fishing activities, in consultation with other agencies, (including BOEM)		✓		29					
	<i>Develop Council policies on non-fishing activities</i>				43					
Research Steering										
	Continue to steer research to support NEFMC plans	✓	✓		26					
	Staff: Support S-K program	✓	✓		54					
	Improve RSC priority process	✓	✓		29					
SSC										
	Support Council activities such as recommending ABCs and making recommendations in the FMP development process	✓	✓		4					
	<i>Understand and resolve poor assessment model performance (primarily groundfish assessments)</i>	✓			12					
	<i>Develop consistent guidelines for application of Plan B approaches</i>	✓			18					
	<i>Consider modifications to groundfish ABC control rules (see Groundfish)</i>	✓			26					
Enforcement, Safety, VMS										
	Continue to support enforcement, safety and VMS issues.	✓	✓		47					
Whiting										
	Submit final preferred alternatives with FEIS for Amendment 22, limited entry	✓	✓		54					
	<u>Address overfished condition/develop rebuilding plan for southern red hake; modify northern red hake AM; consider whiting exemption area adjustments</u>	✓	✓		8/35/50					

FMP	Annual	Comm.	ED	Council	Rank	Multi-Year	Comm.	ED	Council	Rank
	Staff: PDT receives annual monitoring report from Regional Office and advises Council whether management adjustments are needed	✓	✓		61					
Skates										
	Submit action to allow landing thorny skate caught by vessels fishing in the NAFO area				50	Prepare an amendment to consider limited access in the skate fishery		✓		61
	Staff: Annual skate monitoring report		✓		61					
EBFM										
	Assist in development of MREP EBFM module		✓		67	Complete example Fishery Ecosystem Plan for Georges Bank and develop a Management Strategy Evaluation process to engage fishermen and other stakeholders while conducting testing and validation.		✓		57
Observer Committee										
	Study issue of full retention/no discards.				35	Develop a policy and strategic approach to monitor commercial fisheries to address multiple information needs		✓		29
Risk Policy Working Group										
	No Action Planned									
Trawl Survey AP										
	Address issues identified in AP charter		✓		61					
Other										
	NRCC Working Group Participation		✓		35	Fishery dependent data projects: FMAT to begin development of omnibus amendment		✓		43
	International Fisheries Management TMGC/TRAC/Steering Committee ICCAT HMS Advisory Panel/HMS FMP NAFO Commissioner		✓		16	Preliminary work on aquaculture FMP				77

FMP	Annual	Comm.	ED	Council	Rank	Multi-Year	Comm.	ED	Council	Rank
	Support for NERP; implementation of Regional Ocean Plan; support to data portal		✓		61					
	Complete programmatic review of Council operations		✓		18					
	Complete review of RSA programs in sea scallops, monkfish, and herring FMPs (see also RSA items above under scallop FMP)		✓		13					
	Participate on Large Whale and Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Teams		✓		35					
	<i>Staff: Protected Species issues</i>				67					
	<i>Develop measures necessary to encourage use of fuel-efficient fishing vessels</i>				81					
	<i>Develop Forage Fish Amendment, possibly in partnership with ASMFC</i>				65					
	<i>Consider creating a Seal Oversight Committee</i>				75					
	<i>Review structure of Recreational Advisory Panel and whether it should be a stand-alone committee that reports directly to the Council</i>				79					
	<i>Consider creating a Sand Eel Oversight Committee</i>				79					

2018 Council Priorities Ranking
(ED recommendations highlighted in yellow)

7-Nov-17		This worksheet identifies possible priorities or tasks for 2018.				Overall Average:		33.36	
		Reflects changes made at September 2017 Council Meeting				SD:		6.74	
7-Nov-17		Scores reflect responses as of 11/01/17							
				Priority					
Original Number		Priority/Task Title	High	Medium	Low	Score	Rank	Row SD	
20	Sea Scallops	<u>Prepare a specifications package to set FY 2019 and 2020 (2021 default) specifications (i.e. setting DAS, access area trips, Northern GOM TAC, limited access general category IFQ allocations, etc.).</u> Clarification needed on whether this is for one or two year specifications.	15			45	1	0.000	
32	Herring	Specifications for 2019-2021; consider different stratification for RH/S in SA 521	15			45	1	0.000	
39	Habitat	Complete Omnibus Deep-Sea Coral Amendment	14	1	1	45	1	0.544	
3	Groundfish	ASM action/Amendment 23	14	1	0	44	4	0.258	
35	Herring:Staff	2018 benchmark assessment	14	1		44	4	0.258	
49	SSC	Support Council activities such as <u>recommending ABCs</u> and making recommendations in the FMP development process	14	1		44	4	0.258	
13	Groundfish	<u>Revise rebuilding plans as needed (ocean pout, GB winter flounder, witch flounder, GOM/GB windowpane flounder, SNE/MA yellowtail flounder)</u>	12	4	0	44	4	0.447	
56	Whiting	<u>Address overfished condition/develop rebuilding plan for southern red hake</u>	13	2		43	8	0.352	
30	Sea Scallops:Staff	Integrate findings from 2018 benchmark (process TBD, but may include additional review of how surveys are combined for management advice)	12	3	0	42	9	0.414	
31	Herring	Amendment 8: MSE for ABC control rule and measures to address localized depletion	13	1	1	42	9	0.561	
40	Habitat	Framework action to address surfclam access to HMAs	11	4	1	42	9	0.619	
50	SSC	Understand and resolve poor assessment model performance (primarily groundfish assessments)	10	5	1	41	12	0.629	
21	Sea Scallops	Framework action to modify scallop access areas to be consistent with OA2 revised management areas	12	2		40	13	0.363	
18	Groundfish:Staff	TRAC/TMGC	9	6	1	40	13	0.632	
76	Other: (Interspecies)	Complete review of RSA programs in sea scallops, monkfish, and herring FMPs (see also RSA items above under scallop FMP)	8	8		40	13	0.516	
22	Sea Scallops	NGOM scallop management measure changes: such as changing opening date, consistent gear restrictions, possession limits, effort controls.	11	3		39	16	0.426	
71	Other: (Interspecies)	International Fisheries Management TMGC/TRAC/Steering Committee ICCAT HMS Advisory Panel/HMS FMP NAFO Commissioner	10	4	1	39	16	0.632	
1	Groundfish	<u>Set ABCs/ACLs for US/CA stocks</u>	12	1		38	18	0.277	
10	Groundfish	<u>Address SDC issue when analytic assessments fail</u>	10	4	0	38	18	0.469	
27	Sea Scallops:Staff	NMFS and PDT have new annual responsibilities related to estimating scallop, YT, windowpane catch during the year (i.e. LA AM exception, re-evaluation of YT sub-ACL based on updated information).	10	4	0	38	18	0.469	
2	Groundfish	Develop alternative strategies for setting catch advice for stability in ACLs	9	5	1	38	18	0.640	

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24	Sea Scallops	Adjustments to scallop industry funded observer program (NGOM coverage, etc.)	9	5	1	38	18	0.640
12	Groundfish	Additional guidance on adjustments/penalites as a result of sector overages	7	8	1	38	18	0.619
51	SSC	Develop consistent guidelines for application of Plan B approaches	6	10		38	18	0.500
75	Other: (Interspecies	Complete programmatic review of Council operations	7	8	1	38	18	0.619
34	Herring:Staff	EM MWT Pilot Project	7	8		37	26	0.516
46	RSC	Continue to steer research to support NEFMC plans	7	8		37	26	0.516
52	SSC	Consider modifications to groundfish ABC control rules (see Groundfish)	7	8		37	26	0.516
29	Sea Scallops:Staff	Support annual scallop RSA process, including priority setting, and technical and management reviews.	8	6	0	36	29	0.514
47	RSC	Improve RSC priority process	7	7	1	36	29	0.632
65	Observer Committe	Develop a policy and strategic approach to monitor commercial fisheries to address multiple information needs	7	7	1	36	29	0.632
28	Sea Scallops	Monitoring and catch accounting provisions	5	10	1	36	29	0.577
33	Herring	Update of RH/S white paper and reconsideration of RH/S as stocks that need conservation and management (i.e. "stocks in the fishery")	7	6	3	36	29	0.775
45	Habitat:Staff	Develop habitat and fishery related comments on non-fishing activities, in consultation with other agencies, (including BOEM)	7	6	3	36	29	0.775
70	Other: (Interspecies	NRCC Working Group Participation	7	7		35	35	0.519
25	Sea Scallops	Gear modifications to protect small scallops (extended link)	7	6	2	35	35	0.724
77	Other:Staff	Participate on Large Whale and Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Teams	5	10		35	35	0.488
14	Groundfish	Modify the GF control rule for stocks without analytical models – i.e., empirical and index-based (see SSC list below, item 10 above)	5	9	2	35	35	0.655
15	Groundfish	Consider requirement for eVTRs in the party/charter recreational fishery	7	5	4	35	35	0.834
58	Whiting	Consider whiting exemption area adjustments (see item 7 under groundfish)	4	11	1	35	35	0.544
66	Observer Committe	Study issue of full retention/no discards.	6	7	3	35	35	0.750
25	Sea Scallops	RSA program review and modifications	6	7	2	34	42	0.704
36	Herring:Staff	Coordination with MAFMC, ASMFC on various herring issues (RH/S, etc.)	6	7	1	33	43	0.633
62	Skates:Staff	Skate monitoring report	5	9		33	43	0.497
69	Other: (Interspecies	Fishery dependent data projects: FMAT to begin development of omnibus amendment	5	8	2	33	43	0.676
42	Habitat	Develop Council policies on non-fishing activities	5	7	4	33	43	0.772
43	Habitat:Staff	Habitat impacts of other management actions	6	6	2	32	47	0.726
53	Enforcement, Safety	Continue to support enforcement, safety and VMS issues.	5	8	1	32	47	0.611
7	Groundfish	Adjust exemption areas as necessary (GenCat sea scallop, whiting, etc.; may be better addressed by other Committees)	4	8	4	32	47	0.730
57	Whiting	Modify northern red hake AM	5	7	2	31	50	0.699

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16	Groundfish	Get input on different ways to manage recreational fishery in light of highly variable catch estimates: for example, consideration of catc herror estimates under MRIP, and errors in bioeconomic model used to determine measures					4	8	3	31	50	0.704
11	Groundfish	Address allocation issues if raised by new MRIP data					4	7	5	31	50	0.772
61	Skates	Submit action to allow landing thorny skate caught by vessels fishing in the NAFO area					2	11	3	31	50	0.574
48	RSC:Staff	Support S-K program					5	7	1	30	54	0.630
55	Whiting	Submit final preferred alternatives with FEIS for Amendment 22, limited entry					7	3	3	30	54	0.855
17	Groundfish:Staff	Sector five-year review					3	8	5	30	54	0.719
41	Habitat:Staff	Update and further development of the SASI model					4	8	1	29	57	0.599
	Groundfish	Develop amendment that considers changes to management status of windowpane flounder stocks					3	9	2	29	57	0.616
26	Sea Scallops	Action to consider increasing General Category trip limits					5	4	6	29	57	0.884
63	EBFM	Complete example Fishery Ecosystem Plan for Georges Bank and develop a Management Strategy Evaluation process to engage fishermen and other stakeholders while conducting testing and validation.					3	8	4	29	57	0.704
59	Whiting:Staff	PDT receives annual monitoring report from Regional Office and advise Council whether management adjustments are needed					3	9	1	28	61	0.555
68	Trawl Survey AP	Address issues identified in AP charter					5	5	3	28	61	0.801
60	Skates	Prepare an amendment to consider limited access in the skate fishery					4	6	4	28	61	0.784
73	Other:Staff	Support for NERP; implementation of Regional Ocean Plan; support to data portal					2	10	2	28	61	0.555
9	Groundfish	Possible recreational sub-ACL for GB cod					1	9	6	27	65	0.602
80	Other: (Interspecies)	Develop Forage Fish Amendment, possiby in partnership with ASMFC					2	7	7	27	65	0.704
72	Other:Staff	Protected Species issues					4	6	2	26	67	0.718
5	Groundfish	Cod Stock Structure Working Group					3	6	5	26	67	0.770
64	Staff	Assist in development of MREP EBFM module					2	8	4	26	67	0.663
24	Sea Scallops	Measures to address DAS and IFQ carryover					1	9	5	26	67	0.594
26	Sea Scallops	Specify allocation review triggers						11	4	26	67	0.458
4	Groundfish	Process for review of groundfish catch in other fisheries						10	5	25	72	0.488
44	Habitat:Staff	SBNMS advisory panel					1	8	5	24	73	0.611
6	Groundfish	Specify allocation review triggers					1	6	9	24	73	0.632
8	Groundfish	Develop limited access program for the party/charter fishery					1	5	10	23	75	0.629
81	Other: (Interspecies)	Consider creating a Seal Oversight Committee					2	3	11	23	75	0.727
74	Other: (Interspecies)	Preliminary work on Aquaculture FMP						6	10	22	77	0.500
23	Sea Scallops	Amendment to consider harvester associations					1	5	8	21	78	0.650

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79	Other: (Interspecies) Review structure of Recreational Advisory Panel and whether it should be a stand-alone committee that reports directly to the Council	2	2	10	20	79	0.756
82	Other: (Interspecies) Consider creating a Sand Eel Oversight Committee	1	2	13	20	79	0.577
78	Other: (Interspecies) Develop measures necessary to encourage use of fuel-efficient fishing vessels		1	15	17	81	0.250