

NEFMC Research Priorities and Data Needs



New England
Fishery Management Council

Research priority setting directive

MSFCMA 109-497

Each Council shall...

“Section 302 (h) Each Council shall develop, in conjunction with the scientific and statistical committee, multi-year research priorities for fisheries, fishery interactions, habitats, and other areas of research that are necessary for management purposes that shall –

- A. establish priorities for 5-year periods;
- B. be updated as necessary; and
- C. be submitted to the Secretary and the regional science centers of the National Marine Fisheries Service for their consideration in developing research priorities and budgets for the region of the Council.”



Update approval process (annual)

Steps

- Updates proposed by PDTs.
- Advisory Panels may recommend updates.
- Committees review PDT and AP input.
- Staff compile proposed updates across all Committees for SSC review.
- Proposed updates and SSC input presented to Council for approval.
- Approved updates submitted to NOAA Fisheries (NEFSC and GARFO).

What needs Council approval?

- Adding or deleting a priority or other major change.

What does not need Council approval?

- Clarifications to existing priorities.
- Adding in Council-approved Research Set-Aside priorities.



Reading the spreadsheet

- Tracking proposed revisions
 - **Red = proposed deletion**
 - **Green = proposed addition**
 - **Blue = comment or rationale for change**
- The “Notes” (column J) include:
 - Starting in 2019, the year the priority was added.
 - Notes on if and how the priority is being addressed.
 - Links/references to supporting research (see also “References” tab).
- The “References” tab includes full citations included in the Notes.

