

2016 Priorities
Council Approved December 2015

Monkfish								
	<u>Monkfish specifications for 2017-2019</u>		✓	✓	<i>Continue Monkfish Amendment 6 for modifications to DAS program (including leasing) and catch shares (sectors and IFQs).</i>			
	Staff: Research Set Aside		✓	✓				
	Staff: Monkfish assessment		✓	✓				
Sea Scallops								
	<u>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.</u>	✓	✓	✓				
	Framework action to modify scallop access areas to be consistent with OA2 revised areas (including CAI carry-over 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	✓	✓	✓				
	<i>Integrate findings from Sea Scallop Survey Methods Peer Review (process TBD)</i>	✓						
	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).	✓	✓	✓				