

2023 Council Priorities for the SSC

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Council Priority Setting Process

- a) Possible tasks are identified no later than the September Council meeting.
- b) Each Council member will be asked to categorize every task (including required tasks) as either a low, medium, or high priority.
- c) If possible, Committees will identify the tasks they prefer to address for their Committees.
- d) The Executive Committee reviews the list, ranking, and Committee preferences, considers available resources, and develops a recommended list for review and approval.
- e) The Council considers the Executive Committee recommendations and approves the final priorities at the December meeting.

Priorities for SSC Identified by Council Staff

- 1) Support Council activities such as recommending ABCs and making recommendations in the FMP development process – **required priority**
- 2) Consult with Council on development of ABC control rules for Northeast Multispecies stocks – **ongoing multiyear priority**
- 3) Support Council updates to Risk Policy – **new priority but considered last year**

Other SSC related activities

- 1) The Council staff is still in the process of identifying and implementing the recommendations from the 2021 SSC Social Science Subpanel review of framework adjustment actions for Groundfish and Scallops.



QUESTIONS ??