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## Action Memo

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**Dan Hull, Chairman**  
**Chris Oliver, Executive Director**

**SUBJECT:**  
Research Priorities

**ESTIMATED TIME:**  
2 hours

**ACTION REQUIRED:**  
Review and Approve Final Research Priority Categories and Definitions; Identify Management Priorities

**BACKGROUND:**  
The Council/SSC subgroup on research priorities met via teleconference along with Council staff on February 24, 2015. The subgroup slightly modified the draft research priority categories and definitions for final SSC and Council review.

The SSC and Council will need to commit to a final set of research priority categories at the April meeting so that research prioritization by the SSC and Council can proceed in June. Modifications to the categories, definition language, and associated examples are provided in an *attachment* and previous definitions are provided in a *second attachment*.

Additionally, the Council will need to identify management priorities in order to align upcoming June research prioritization with current and future management needs. Previously documented management priorities include a letter from the Council to NMFS S&T dated June 2013 (*attached*). Consideration of management priorities may also reference the "Council Actions" that are associated with research priorities in the research priority database. These have been extracted and are provided in Table 1 (*attached*).