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## Action Memo

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

**SUBJECT:**  
Research Priorities

**ACTION REQUIRED:**  
Review/Recommend Research Priorities for 2016-2020.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires the Council to adopt five-year research priorities. The Council adopted its most recent five-year research plan in June 2014 based on recommendations from its four Plan Teams, the Scientific and Statistical Committee, and the Advisory Panel. At this meeting, the Council will update its five-year research plan for 2016-2020.

At its April 2015 meeting, the Council approved new terms for use in assigning research priorities. The revised terms and associated definitions are provided in a separate attachment. An SSC Subgroup met via teleconference on May 8, 2015 and developed recommended assignments of the new terms to existing research items. Additionally, the Scallop Plan Team and Crab Plan Team have provided their recommendations. All of these recommendations are attached separately and will serve as references as the Council identifies its five-year research priorities.