


MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members
FROM: Chris Oliver 
Executive Director
DATE: September 24, 2010
SUBJECT: Research Priorities

ESTIMATED TIME
1 HOUR

ACTION REQUIRED

Adopt five year research priorities.

BACKGROUND

The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires the Council to adopt a five-year research plan each year. The Council adopted its most recent five-year research plan in October 2009 (Item C-7(a)), 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. The recommendations from the Joint BSAI and GOA Groundfish Plan Teams (Item C-7(b)), Crab Plan Team (Item C-7(c)), and Scallop Plan Team (Item C-7(d)) are attached. Also attached (Item C-7(e)) are the research priorities for essential fish habitat (EFH) research identified in the Council's EFH 5-year review in April 2010. Recommendations from the SSC and AP will be provided during the meeting.