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COUNCIL RESEARCH PRIORITIES PROCESS

VIRTUAL SSC, JUNE 2021

BACKGROUND

- **2018:** Produced first “Top 10” list of research priorities
- **2019:** Approved moving to triennial review
- **2020:** Research priorities at February SSC workshop
- **April 2021:** Approved an updated “Top 10” and introduced draft new process
- **June 2021:** Approving documentation of April priority narratives and process updates.

WHAT'S CHANGED SINCE APRIL?

- Strategic and Critical Ongoing Monitoring (COM) now include narratives
- A new COM priority (735: *Fishery Monitoring and Catch Accounting*)
- Slight change in COM 150 (*core biological and oceanographic data*)
“stomach” -> “diet”
- Removal of Strategic 193 (*Species identification*) as it has been marked
“Completed”
- Slight change in Strategic 233 (*Product inventories*) “U.S.” -> “federal”
- Change status of Strategic 533 (*best practices for age-structure storage*) to
“Other” from “Partially underway”

SUB-GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

- Review recommendations
 - Do not review old priorities unless there are additions, deletions, or changes
 - Review new or revised priorities brought forward by PTs or other on-ramps
 - Update COM and strategic narratives if needed
 - Put Born on Date on Top 10 and Database entries
 - PTs should also move to a triennial schedule, not review old priorities
 - Start from previous Top 10 and add/remove/revise

OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS

- First, during document review an alternative to the subgroup process was proposed
 - Discontinue SSC and PT review of the database
 - Proposed topics for “top 10” should come with a short abstract (140 words)
 - If new research priorities do not make it on the list, they will be abandoned
- Take this up first, if this is the way, other issues may not be relevant

OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS (2/3)

- What categories (Urgent, Important, Strategic, COM) should be included in the top 10 in the future? June 2018 meeting originally said urgent and important.
- Should we receive an annual update on who is doing what research on the urgent or top ten list? (who would do this?).
- An update on the previous top ten list is important and important for everyone to know ahead of time. That is, if you promote a research topic it will be expected that someone will be giving a talk on it 3 years later.
- Do we, and if so, how do we promote action on lingering strategic priorities and get them jump-started? Is including a year added category sufficient. If others have specific ideas how, great. If not, we can drop as potentially not our role.
- The sub group needs to spell out what the PT process is
- Should all PT Chairs come to the SSC research priorities meeting and each have 5 minutes to present their "case" of why their priorities should be on the top ten list. Then we get them all together and it would be much easier for us to then prioritize.

OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS (3/3)

- When do the SSC and Council need to submit priorities? what are our onramps?
- What are onramps for marine mammals, seabirds, salmon priorities?
- Should the subgroup for 2024 meet during the actual two meetings prior or meet virtually with that general timeline?
- Should we assess research priorities at the meeting after we do them since difficult to do research priorities and evaluate at same time.
- Seems like if they are determined to be "urgent" and the timeline is 2-3 years, then we should delete "potential" and just automatically put them on the top ten list.