



Review of the 2024 Research Priorities Process

As part of the 2021 Research Priorities review, the SSC provided recommendations for the 2024 process. Based on these recommendations, the following “report card” has been generated. In the tables below, green checks represent completed successfully or in-full, yellow checks represent either in-progress or partially completed, red checks represent items that were not completed.

General Recommendations

2021 SSC Recommendation		Action for 2024 Review
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does not recommend highlighting/reviewing of critical ongoing monitoring (COM) research unless SSC receives a proposal to move a RP in/out of COM	All existing priorities were reviewed by appropriate Team, including COM. May need to refine/clarify this step of the process moving forward: <i>Should Teams review all existing & new priorities including COM?</i> <i>Clarify that SSC only reviews COM if change recommended by Team.</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Add COM category to database	Database categories include: COM, Urgent, Important, Strategic, and Pending (no category assigned)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Retain the description of COM research on Council website	COM description is provided on Council RP website
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Appoint subgroup of SSC members to prepare for triennial review	SSC Subgroup for Research Priorities was formed and has met prior to the SSC review
Recommended Role of Plan Teams		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GPT, CPT, SPT: review COM, Urgent, Strategic, and Important priorities & provide recommendations including top 3-5 to consider for Top 10 list.	GPT, CPT, SPT, BSFEP, SSPT: reviewed new and existing priorities based on their topic(s) of expertise and provided recommendations in their reports, including their top 3-5 priorities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SSPT: review socioeconomic & human dimensions priorities, provide recommendations, including top 3-5.	SSC Subgroup: reviewed topics that did not fall within the expertise of any of the pre-defined Teams
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BSFEP: provide recommended priorities including top 3-5.	
Recommended On-ramps		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Council staff to provide on-ramps for other groups to forward priorities.	A Request for Information period occurred from Jul 1 – Oct 31, 2023 for both groups and stakeholders to submit new research priorities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Council staff to provide on-ramps for stakeholders to propose research priorities that do not fit under Teams.	Groups & stakeholders submit new priorities during the RFI period, then provide input on how to prioritize at subsequent meetings.

Tasks prior to the 2024 SSC review

2021 SSC Recommendation		Action for 2024 Review
Staff to update:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Research status, priority ranking, changes to titles & descriptions, other project-specific comments.	Updates on status, rankings, changes to titles and/or descriptions, and other comments will be completed post-April 2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Completed priorities & report availability (status), consolidations, deletions.	Edits to existing priorities will occur post-April 2024 (status, consolidations, deletions).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New priorities	New priority submissions were collected during the RFI period and will be added as needed to the database post-April 2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recommendations for Top 10	Priority rankings were obtained from review Teams
Staff review of non-Plan Team on-ramps		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Staff to review non-Plan Team on-ramps for topics that do not fit into an established Team.	SSC Subgroup was tasked to review priorities that did not fit within the expertise of an established Team (marine mammals, seabirds, salmon, climate, etc.)
Plan Team reviews of new submissions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Plan Teams review new public submissions	Teams reviewed all new submissions based on their expertise.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If submission not recommended, should communicate with the member of the public so they can provide further testimony, if desired.	Due to restrictions for collection of information, all submissions were anonymous, however, a list of all submissions was provided on the website which included the Plan Team assigned with each submission.
SSC Subgroup to distribute to members:		The SSC Subgroup was provided with:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Previous Top 10 list	Top 10 lists from previous two reviews
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recommended additions, deletions, and changes from Teams	Team reports (GPT, CPT, SPT, SSPT, BSFEP)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Council's 3-year outlook of emergent management issues	Most recent report of issues was 2008; not provided to Subgroup
Convene SSC Subgroup to discuss:		SSC Subgroup met on Mar 4, 2024 and discussed:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Member recommendations for responding to changes submitted by Teams	Team recommendations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Draft Top 10 list, including rationale for review & approval at SSC meeting	Draft Top 10 list and rationale
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Relevance of recommendations to Council's 3-year outlook of emergent issues	Relevance to 3-year outlook was not discussed as this has not been determined
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Draft summary statements, statistics for overall list	Summary of statements and statistics compiled after meeting using collaborative documents
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Any additional draft recommendations	Additional recommendations compiled after the meeting using collaborative documents

Recommended process at the 2024 SSC Review

2021 SSC Recommendation		Notes/Changes
Review staff report		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present Council research priorities from the last triennial review: Include overview of any changes the Council made from SSC recommendations and why	Previous priorities presented with summary of changes.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Provide a brief overview of additions, deletions, and changes recommended by the review Teams	Team reports were made available to the SSC at the February 2024 Initial Review, which includes recommendations.
Review SSC Subgroup report and revise/approve as appropriate:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Top 10 list, including rationale.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Subgroups recommended revisions to COM priorities, as needed (additions, deletions, edits).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Subgroups recommended revisions to Strategic priorities, as needed (additions, deletions, edits).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Subgroups recommended changes to the database, as needed.	Changes to the database will be made after the April review.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consider revisions or improvements to the SSC research priorities review process	Revisions or improvements will be accepted during and after April meeting.