2024 Research Priorities Triennial Review

Review Previous SSC Report

One component of the SSC Research Priorities review is to also review previous SSC report sections relevant to research priorities, including relevant Council motions. Links to these documents and key points are highlighted below.

- During February 2024 meeting (C2 BBRKC closures), the Council identified pelagic trawl innovation as a research priority in their motion, this was also noted in a Spotlight.
- 2021 Final Research Priorities List/Letter (full 2021 list of Priorities: Top 10, COM, Urgent, Important, Strategic, and Pending)
- June 2021, D5 Finalize research priorities process (SSC Only)
  - D5 Research Priorities and Process SSC Subgroup Draft
  - D5 Strategic Priorities Table
  - D5 PPT Council research priorities process: this has some useful information
  - SSC June 2021 Report (research priorities section starts on p24, Process is described on p86)
- Additional Resources/minutes for reference (optional to review)
  - April 2021 SSC
    - 2018 NPFMC Top Research Priorities
    - SSC April 2021 Report (research priorities section starts on p20)
  - June 2018 D6 Research Priorities
  - April 2018 SSC report
  - June 2017
    - June 2017 Joint NPFMC/IPHC Research priorities related to halibut, PPT
    - June 2017 5-year research priorities, finalizing priorities
    - SSC Report June 2017 (p19)

Key points from previous minutes:
- June 2021 Process Recommendations:
  - p2: the SSC recommends not highlighting and reviewing Critical Ongoing Monitoring research unless the SSC receives a proposal to move a research priority into this category or to remove research from this category.
  - p3-5: During each triennial review, the subgroup recommends that the SSC review additions, deletions, and changes to Strategic, Urgent, and Important priorities as recommended by the Plan Teams and edit these changes as necessary.
  - Do not need to review old, existing priorities from the database each iteration?
    - *Consideration: would you just review the most recent comprehensive list from the last iteration? Would need to specify what to review each time. Would each plan team be expected to review their previous list and any new relevant public submissions? This would cut down on time needed to review.*
  - p6: Appoint a subgroup of SSC members to prepare for the triennial review

Current [categorization](#) descriptions

- **Critical Ongoing Monitoring:** These priorities create and maintain indispensable data that substantially contribute to our understanding and management of fish populations, fisheries, and the communities engaged in or dependent upon those fisheries. Discontinuation or diminishment of the research that provides these datasets would leave a significant gap in the science needed to support sustainable and successful fisheries management in the North Pacific. The North Pacific Fishery Management Council and its Scientific and Statistical Committee continue to provide the utmost support for these priorities. Going forward, the SSC recommends not highlighting and reviewing Critical Ongoing Monitoring research unless the SSC receives a proposal to move a research priority into this category or to remove research from this category. The SSC views these categories as the most important science products produced by the various agencies and partners for scientific management of fisheries. The SSC expects these research needs to persist indefinitely.
- **Strategic**: Strategic research activities are consistent with the evolving landscape of fisheries management in the Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea Aleutian Islands, and the high Arctic.
  - Climate and Ocean Change
  - Baseline Research
  - Marine Mammals
  - Fishery performance, Socio-economic analyses, human dimensions
- **Urgent research**: Urgent research is essential for compliance with federal requirements, including National Standards, or that has been identified by management as necessary to aid decision-making. It is expected that a short-term project (2-3 year time frame) would meet the information need and that postponement would have a significant impact on management.
- **Important research**: not included in Top 10 list, but deemed important (?)