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The Council adopts the research priorities as provided by the SSC, with the addition of the following language to the last sentence of research priority 712: as well as an evaluation of alternative sources or proxies for biological data as EM use increases". The Council endorses the SSC suggestions for changes to the process for developing research priorities, including incorporation of SSPT and FEP research priorities into the master list. The Council directs staff to communicate the priorities to the Secretary of Commerce, the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, in accordance with MSA mandates. The Council further directs staff to communicate the priorities with funding agencies and universities typically notified of research priority updates.

Prior to providing the SSC with their requested broad overlook of emerging management issues, Council staff should review the overview with the Council.