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| 192 | Collect, analyze, and monitor diet information | Collect, analyze, and monitor diet information (species, biomass, energetics), from seasons in addition to summer, to assess spatial and temporal changes in predator-prey interactions, including marine mammals and seabirds. The diet information should be collected on the appropriate spatial scales for key predators and prey to determine how food webs may be changing in response to shifts in the range of crab and groundfish. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | COM (GT) vs SFN (SL) | Underway | Underway |
| 144 | District-wide survey for demersal shelf rockfish in Southeast Alaska | Conduct a district-wide survey for demersal shelf rockfish in Southeast Alaska on a biennial or triennial basis. Survey information is becoming extremely dated. | Critical Ongoing Monitoring | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | Critical Ongoing Monitoring | No action | Underway |
| 145 | Continuation of State and Federal annual and biennial surveys | Continuation of State and Federal annual and biennial surveys in the GOA, AI, and EBS, including crab pot surveys, is a critical aspect of fishery management off Alaska. It is important to give priority to these surveys, in light of recent federal budgets in which funding may not be sufficient to conduct these surveys. Loss of funding for days at sea for NOAA ships jeopardizes these programs. Budgetary concerns have resulted in cuts to not only days at sea, which increases uncertainty, but also sampling the deepest strata, which threatens the value of trawl surveys as a synoptic ecological survey. These surveys provide baseline distribution, abundance, and life history data that form the foundation for stock assessments and the development of ecosystem approaches to management. Although an ongoing need, these surveys are considered the highest priority research activity, contributing to assessment of commercial groundfish and crab fisheries off Alaska. | Critical Ongoing Monitoring | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Critical, Crab PT - Priority: Critical Ongoing Monitoring | Critical Ongoing Monitoring | Underway | Underway |
| 159 | Evaluate interactions between fisheries and pinnipeds | Studies of the interactions between fisheries and protected species, such as Steller sea lions in the Central and Western Aleutian Islands (areas 541, 542, 543), and northern fur seals on the eastern Bering Sea shelf are needed. These studies should be conducted at appropriate spatial and temporal scales with an emphasis on seasonal prey fields, diet, and movement of fisheries and pinnipeds. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: High | Critical Ongoing Monitoring | Underway | Underway |
| 160 | Assess vital rates of Steller sea lions | Assess vital rates (i.e., reproduction and survival) of Steller sea lions in the western DPS (including Russia) at sufficient frequency to track population dynamics. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: High | Critical Ongoing Monitoring | Underway | Underway |
| 161 | Assess the health of Steller sea lions | Assess possible indirect effects of fisheries removals via periodic health assessments, indices of body condition, survival of pups and juveniles, and natality of Steller sea lions in the western DPS. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium | Critical Ongoing Monitoring | Underway | Underway |
| 381 | Effects of changes to the observer program | Evaluate the effects of changes to data collection protocols that occur because of observer restructuring. Ensure that data can be compared easily to the previous data collection methods and time series remain intact. MERGE with 381??? | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Critical | Critical Ongoing Monitoring | No action | No action |
| 151 | Develop a spatially-explicit model for BSAI pollock | Conduct studies to determine stock structure and potential spatial management for BSAI pollock (e.g., movement). Evaluate interactions of BSAI pollock with those in Russian waters. These studies should lead to a detailed spatial age-structured stock assessment model with at least 3 regions (Russia, NW EBS, SE EBS). | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | Important - Near Term | Underway | Underway |
| 153 | Study vertical distribution of Pacific cod to better understand catchability | Research is needed on the vertical distribution of Pacific cod relative to the EBS bottom trawl and comparisons of gear between the EBS and GOA trawl gear. This is because there is controversy about fishery and survey catchability. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | Important - Near Term | Underway | Concluded? |
| 154 | Pacific cod stock assessment for the Aleutian Islands | Develop an age-structured Pacific cod stock assessment for the Aleutian Islands region. In 2014 the Aleutian Islands and eastern Bering Sea regions were split and have separate ABCs and OFLs. There is need to develop an assessment model for cod in the Aleutians. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Critical | Important - Near Term | Underway | Underway |
| 157 | Improve methods of monitoring fishery interactions | Develop improved catch monitoring methods of fishery interactions including direct and alternative options (e.g., electronic logbooks, video monitoring), particularly on smaller groundfish, halibut, and commercially guided recreational fishing vessels, including an assessment of feasibility for small vessels. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: High | Important - Near Term | Underway | Underway |
| 182 | Evaluate current and alternative Council PSC/bycatch reduction initiatives | Analyze the effects of recent Council actions on PSC and bycatch, including the interaction among PSC and bycatch reduction initiatives (e.g., halibut, salmon, crab). Attention should be given to different incentives that have the potential to cost-effectively reduce PSC. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | Important - Near Term | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 193 | Improve species identification | Improve species identification, by both processors and observers, for priority species within species complexes in catches, to meet requirements of total removals under ACLs. Methods that quantify and correct for misidentifications are desired. | Strategic - Future Needs | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium | Important - Near Term | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 202 | Methods for reliable estimation of total removals | Develop methods for reliable estimation of total removals (e.g., surveys, poorly observed fisheries) to meet requirements of total removals under ACLs. Catch Accounting System now provides total removals annually. Improved reporting on some data such as subsistence catches and Pacific cod bait in crab fisheries is needed. Improvements are needed for catch accounting by sex and size for crab in non-directed fisheries with high bycatch or PSC rates, particularly for blue king crab in the Pacific cod pot fishery in the Pribilof Islands. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: High, Crab PT - Priority: Important | Important - Near Term | Underway | Underway |

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| 204 | Tagging studies of Aleutian Islands Pacific cod and Atka mackerel | Tagging studies of Aleutian Islands Pacific cod, Atka mackerel, Alaska skate, and walleye pollock are needed to create models of short-term movement of fish relative to critical habitat (tagging for Atka mackerel and skates are partly underway). | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | Important - Near Term | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 206 | Biomass indices and alternate methodologies for lowest tier groundfish species | Develop biomass indices for lowest tier species (Tier 6 for groundfish), such as sharks and octopus. Explore alternative methodologies for Tier 6 stocks such as length-based methods, catchability experiments (e.g., net selectivity), or biomass dynamics models. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | Important - Near Term | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 208 | Research on stock- recruit relationships | New information and data are needed that would inform our understanding of the stock- recruit relationship for groundfish, Pacific halibut, and crab to project year-class strength. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending, Crab PT - Priority: Strategic | Important - Near Term | Underway | Underway |
| 210 | Develop bioeconomic models | Develop bioeconomic models with explicit age- or size-structured population dynamics for BSAI and GOA groundfish fisheries to estimate maximum economic yield and other bioeconomic reference points under uncertainty. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium | Important - Near Term | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 211 | Benefits and costs of directed halibut catch and halibut PSC utilization | Research the benefits and costs of directed halibut catch and halibut PSC utilization in different fishing sectors. For halibut and other PSC and bycatch species, conduct research to better identify where regulations restrict the utilization of fish from its most beneficial use and evaluate how changes in existing regulations would affect different sectors and fisheries | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium | Important - Near Term | Underway | Underway |
| 217 | Impact of fisheries on benthic habitat and trophic interactions | Conduct studies to assess the impact of bottom trawl fisheries on invertebrate abundance and species composition in benthic habitats. This is especially relevant to the foraging ecology of walrus (candidate species for listing under ESA), but also bearded seals, and gray whales. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium | Important - Near Term | Underway | Underway |
| 218 | Survey capability for forage fish | Develop a long-term survey capability for forage fish (partially underway). The NPRB funded GOA and Bering Sea projects are currently describing the spatial and temporal variability in the structure of forage fish communities and the effect of this variability on predators. This work should be continued and methods for long-term monitoring should be developed. | Critical Ongoing Monitoring | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium | Important - Near Term | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 220 | Research on survey analysis techniques for species that exhibit patchy distributions | Continue research on the design and implementation of appropriate survey analysis techniques, to aid the Council in assessing species (e.g., Pribilof Island king crabs and rockfish) that exhibit patchy distributions and, thus, may not be adequately represented (either over- or under-estimated) in the annual or biennial groundfish surveys. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium, Crab PT - Priority: Strategic | Important - Near Term | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 227 | Improve estimation of fishery interactions with non-target groundfish, and prohibited species. | Improve estimation of fishery interactions (including catch) and non-target groundfish (e.g., sharks, skates), and prohibited species. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium | Important - Near Term | Underway | Underway |
| 236 | Conduct studies of sperm whale and killer whale depredation of catch in long-line fisheries and surveys | Studies of sperm and killer whale depredation of catch in long-line fisheries and surveys are needed to improve the quality of long-line abundance estimates. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium | Important - Near Term | Underway | Underway |
| 240 | Develop a multivariate index of the climate forcing of the Bering Sea shelf | Develop a multivariate index of the climate forcing of the Bering Sea shelf. Three biologically significant avenues for climate index predictions include advection, setup for primary production, and partitioning of habitat with oceanographic fronts and temperature preferences. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium, Crab PT - Priority: Strategic | Important - Near Term | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 241 | Develop bottom and water column temperature database and indices | Develop bottom and water column temperature database and indices for use in EBS, GOA, and AI stock assessments. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium, Crab PT - Priority: Critical Ongoing Monitoring | Important - Near Term | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 242 | Collect and maintain primary production time series | Collect and maintain primary production time series in the EBS, AI, GOA, and Arctic; particularly in relationship to key climate and oceanographic variables. | Strategic - Future Needs | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium, Crab PT - Priority: Strategic | Important - Near Term | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 246 | Cooperative research efforts to supplement existing at-sea surveys that provide seasonal, species-specific information on upper trophic levels | Continue and expand cooperative research efforts to supplement existing at-sea surveys that provide seasonal, species-specific information on upper trophic levels (seabirds and marine mammals). Updated surveys to monitor distribution and abundance of seabirds and marine mammals are needed to assess impacts of fisheries on apex predators, improve the usefulness of apex predators as ecosystem indicators, and to improve ecosystem management. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium | Important - Near Term | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 248 | Measure and monitor large scale fish composition | Measure and monitor large scale fish composition: evaluate existing data sets (bottom trawl surveys, acoustic trawl surveys, and BASIS surveys) to quantify changes in relative species composition of commercial and non-commercial species, identify and map assemblages, monitor changes in the distribution of assemblages, and understand the spatial importance of predator-prey interactions in response to environmental variability. Additional monitoring may be necessary in the Aleutian Islands, northern Bering Sea, and areas of the Gulf of Alaska. | Strategic - Future Needs | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium | Important - Near Term | Partially underway | Partially underway |

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| 221 | Collect maturity scans during fisheries that target spawning fish | Expand existing efforts to collect maturity scans during fisheries that target spawning fish (e.g., pollock). Time series of maturity at age should be collected to facilitate the assessment of the effects of density-dependence and environmental conditions on maturity. Maturity information for pollock and Pacific cod is collected by observers and should be analyzed. Maturity information for rockfish species near Kodiak has been collected recently, both during the fishery and dedicated scientific cruises, and should be analyzed. A dedicated survey to examine spawning sablefish has also been conducted. Efforts to collect maturity data, and then analyze for rockfish and other species should continue. In particular, retrospective studies to identify factors (e.g., fishing, climate, prey quality and quantity) influencing the maturity schedule should be conducted. | Strategic - Future Needs | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | NEED INPUT | Underway | Underway |
| 223 | Develop and evaluate global climate change models (GCM) or downscaled climate variability scenarios to assess impacts to recruitment, growth, and spatial distributions. | Quantify the effects of historical climate variability and climate change on recruitment, growth, and spatial distribution. Develop standard environmental scenarios (e.g., from GCMs) for present and future variability based on observed patterns. | Strategic - Future Needs | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending, Crab PT - Priority: Strategic, Scallop PT - Priority: Pending | NEED INPUT | Underway | Underway |
| 224 | Climate and oceanographic information covering a wider range of seasons | There is a need for climate and oceanographic information that covers a wider range of seasons than is presently available. | Strategic - Future Needs | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending, Crab PT - Priority: Strategic, Scallop PT - Priority: Pending | NEED INPUT | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 225 | Development of projection models to evaluate (a) the robustness and resilience of different management strategies under varying environmental and ecological conditions and (b) to forecast seasonal an | There is a need for the development of projection models to evaluate the robustness and resilience of different management strategies under varying environmental and ecological conditions. Projection models are also needed to forecast seasonal and climate related shifts in the spatial distribution and abundance of commercial fish and shellfish. | Strategic - Future Needs | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | NEED INPUT | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 238 | Develop a GIS relational database for habitat, to include a historical time series of the spatial intensity of interactions between commercial fisheries and habitat. | Develop a GIS relational database for habitat, including development of a historical time series of the spatial intensity of interactions between commercial fisheries and habitat. Such time series are needed to evaluate the impacts of changes in fishing effort and type on EFH. | Strategic - Future Needs | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending, Crab PT - Priority: Important | NEED INPUT | Underway | Underway |
| 250 | Conduct ecosystem structure studies | Studies are needed to evaluate the effects of global warming, ocean acidification, and selective fishing on food webs. For instance, studies are needed to evaluate differential exploitation of some components of the ecosystem (e.g., Pacific cod, pollock, and crab) relative to others (e.g., arrowtooth flounder). | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending, Crab PT - Priority: Strategic | NEED INPUT | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 251 | Modeling studies of ecosystem productivity | Modeling studies of ecosystem productivity in different regions (EBS, GOA, and AI). For example, studies could evaluate the appropriateness of the 2 million t OY cap. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | NEED INPUT | Underway | Underway |
| 365 | Retrospective analysis of the impact of Chinook PSC avoidance measures on communities of western Alaska | Conduct retrospective analysis using qualitative and quantitative methods on salmon dependent communities of western Alaska that may be affected by Chinook salmon PSC avoidance measures in the BSAI. Analysis should evaluate long-term changes in local Chinook abundance and uses, and provide detailed ethnographic work exploring the meaning of salmon to these communities in the context of industrialized offshore fisheries. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | NEED INPUT | No action | No action |
| 366 | Continue to investigate time variation and the shape of fishery and survey selectivity models | There is considerable controversy about (1) whether selectivity should be dome-shaped or asymptotic, and (2) whether selectivity should be time-varying by default. Using a dome-shaped curve can create a large increase in biomass which may not be real. Treating selectivity as time-varying increases the number of model parameters greatly, which may lead to confounding among parameters. Better scientific guidance through research studies is needed to address these two problems. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | NEED INPUT | Underway | Underway |
| 367 | Continue to improve stock assessment methodology with respect to uncertainty | Recent studies have made advances in determining effective sample size, effective number of parameters, Bayesian parameterizations, and how to weight datasets in assessments with multiple datasets. However, results appear to vary from paper to paper, and no general rules have emerged. Thus, our ability to characterize uncertainty remains elusive. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending, Crab PT - Priority: Important, Scallop PT - Priority: Pending | NEED INPUT | Underway | Underway |
| 383 | Determine quantitative indicators of spatial structure, particular for walleye pollock and Pacific cod | The next generation of stock assessment models will be spatial age- and length-structured assessment models, in line with the goal of ecosystem-based fishery management. Current distributions of spatial location have been empirically summarized, but methods should be explored to convert these to movement patterns for biological and/or management regions. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | NEED INPUT | No action | No action |
| 389 | Investigate ecosystem effects and inter-species interactions of halibut | Investigate potential ecosystem effects and inter-species interactions on Pacific halibut recruitment and size-at-age. Includes integration of existing IPHC and NOAA trawl survey observations of size-at-age, diet, and population distribution and trends for multiple species in the GOA and BS. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | NEED INPUT | Underway | Underway |
| 451 | Arrowtooth flounder stock structure and movement | Arrowtooth flounder studies to support information related to stock structure and movement for Alaskan flatfish species | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | NEED INPUT | Pending | Pending |

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| 452 | Dusky Rockfish and Shortspine Thornyhead genetics research for improved population structure | Genetic research to better study dusky rockfish and shortspine thornyhead population structure. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | NEED INPUT | Pending | Pending |
| 453 | Cod density in untrawlable areas in the AI | Evaluation of survey data (including IPHC long line, AFSC long line and NMFS trawl) in comparison with fishery data to better understand the proportion of cod biomass in untrawlable areas of the NMFS trawl survey. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | NEED INPUT | Pending | Pending |
| 454 | Sculpin natural mortality, seasonal food habits | Research to determine natural mortality for sculpin species in the GOA. Data gaps exist in sculpin species life history characteristics, spatial distribution, and abundance. GOA-specific mortality estimates would be beneficial, rather than using the M derived from BSAI sculpin species. Additionally, the collection of seasonal food habits data would help clarify the role of both large and small sculpin species within the GOA ecosystem | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | NEED INPUT | Pending | Pending |
| 455 | Shark aging, size at maturity, natural mortality | For sharks - data needed on size at maturity, natural mortality, better aging methodology. May be possible to collect age data from large" sleeper sharks that are caught in IPHC surveys. Access to those animals could enhance size and maturity data." | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | NEED INPUT | Pending | Pending |
| 494 | Investigate skate egg concentration areas as EFH and HAPC | Skate conservation and skate egg concentration areas remain a priority for EFH and HAPC management and within Council and NMFS research plans. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | NEED INPUT | No action | No action |
| NNN | Investigate best practices for long-term otolith storage | Many of the otoliths in long-term storage are being kept in a glycerin/thymol solution to enhance readability. This can result in chemical erosion of the otoliths, and also affects potential for chemical analysis of otoliths. | | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | NEED INPUT | No action | No action |
| 147 | Life history research on data poor or non-recovering crab stocks | Why certain stocks have declined and failed to recover as anticipated is a pressing issue (e.g., Pribilof Island blue king crab, Adak red king crab). Research into all life history components, including predation by groundfish on juvenile crab in nearshore areas, is needed to identify population bottlenecks, an aspect that is critically needed to develop and implement rebuilding plans. | Important - Near Term | Crab PT - Priority: Urgent | None | No action | No action |
| 148 | Spatial distribution and movement of crabs relative to life history events and fishing | There is a need to characterize the spatial distribution of male snow crab at time of mating relative to reproductive output of females in the middle domain of the EBS shelf. Additionally there is a need to investigate spatial stock dynamics and population connectivity for Tanner Crab (2 stocks). | Urgent | Crab PT - Priority: Strategic | None | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 149 | Improve handling mortality rate estimates for crab | Improve estimate of discarded crab handling mortality rate. These studies should include an assessment of the long-term mortality due to injury. This will require improving understanding of the post-release mortality rate of discarded crab from directed and non-directed crab pot fisheries and principal groundfish (trawl, pot, and hook and line) fisheries. The magnitude of post-release mortality is an essential parameter in the determination of the overfishing level used to evaluate overfishing in stock assessment and projection modeling. Empirical data exist for snow crab so new handling mortality data are needed for Tanner and king crab by size, sex, and fishery type with consideration of temperature. Methodology needed for king crab. | Important - Near Term | Crab PT - Priority: Important | None | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 155 | Evaluation of salmon PSC mitigation measures | Develop a research program that will facilitate evaluation of salmon (both Chinook and non-Chinook) PSC mitigation measures in the BSAI and GOA. This includes updated estimates of the amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence, timing of runs and openings relative to subsistence requirements, and access to cost data for the commercial pollock and salmon industries so that impacts on profits (not gross revenues) can be calculated. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: High | None | Underway | Underway |
| 156 | Improve knowledge for salmon PSC impact assessment | Improve the resolution of Chinook and chum salmon genetic stock identification methods (e.g., baseline development, marker development), improve precision of salmon run size estimates in western Alaska, and initiate investigations of biotic and abiotic factors influencing natural mortality rate during ocean migration in the GOA and BSAI. Baseline development is nearing completion, but more work on Cook Inlet chum is needed. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: High | None | Underway | Underway |
| 162 | Quantify killer whale predation of Steller sea lions (M) | Quantify killer whale predation of Steller sea lions, particularly in the western and central Aleutian Islands. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium | None | Underway | Underway |
| 164 | Effects of trawling on female red king crab and subsequent recruitment | Research is needed on the effects of trawling on the distribution of breeding and ovigerous female red king crab and subsequent recruitment. Relevant studies include effects of potential habitat modifications on the distribution of females, particularly in nearshore areas of southwest Bristol Bay (partially underway), and environmental effects (e.g., trawling overlap in warm vs. cold years). Retrospective studies, the use of pop-up tags to identify larval release locations, and larval advection using Regional Ocean Modeling System would help address this need. | Important - Near Term | Crab PT - Priority: Important | None | Underway | Underway |
| 165 | Conduct routine surveys of subsistence in the northern Bering Sea and Arctic Ocean | Conduct routine surveys of subsistence use of marine resources in the northern Bering Sea and Arctic Ocean. These surveys will become increasingly important under ongoing warming ocean temperatures because range expansions of harvested fishery resources may occur. If range expansions or shifts occur, data will be needed to adjust standard survey time series for availability. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Low, Crab PT - Priority: Strategic | None | Partially underway | Partially underway |

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| 166 | Estimate scallop stock abundance | Estimate scallop stock abundance in unsurveyed areas using fishery independent methods including analysis of current camera sled data. | Urgent | Scallop PT - Priority: Pending | None | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 167 | Alternative approaches to acquire fishery-independent abundance data for unsurveyed stocks of golden king crab | Explore alternative approaches to the triennial ADF&G Aleutian Islands golden king crab pot survey to acquire fishery-independent abundance data on stock distribution and recruitment of Aleutian Islands golden king crab, including the potential for future cooperative research efforts with industry. | Urgent | Crab PT - Priority: Urgent | None | Underway | Underway |
| 169 | Studies on factors that affect catchability particularly for King and Tanner crab | For groundfish and crabs, studies are needed on factors that affect catchability, as they directly bear on estimates of the stock assessment. Research to refine the estimates of survey catchability, q, used to infer absolute, rather than relative, abundance would substantially improve the quality of management advice. Particular emphasis should be placed on Tanner crab and Red King Crab because of recent trends in stock status, and on fishery and for Aleutian Island golden king crab to improve the stock assessment model. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium, Crab PT - Priority: Important | None | Underway | Underway |
| 170 | Quantitative reproductive index for the surveyed BSAI crab stocks | Advance research towards developing a quantitative reproductive index for BSAI crab stocks. Research on mating, fecundity, fertilization rates, and, for snow and Tanner crab, sperm reserves and biennial spawning, is needed to develop annual indices of fertilized egg production that can be incorporated into the stock assessment process and to model the effects of sex ratios, stock distribution, and environmental change on stock productivity. Priority stocks for study are eastern Bering Sea snow and Tanner crab and Bristol Bay red king crab. | Urgent | Crab PT - Priority: Important | None | Underway | Underway |
| 172 | Develop and validate aging methods for crabs. | Develop and validate aging methods for crabs to improve estimates of M for stock assessments. | Urgent | Crab PT - Priority: Strategic | None | Underway | Underway |
| 175 | Develop age-structured models for scallop assessment | Age structured models for scallops are needed to increase understanding of population dynamics and harvestable surpluses. | Strategic - Future Needs | Scallop PT - Priority: Pending | None | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 179 | Conduct pre- and post-implementation studies of the benefits and costs, and their distribution, associated with dedicated access privileges | Conduct pre- and post-implementation studies of the benefits and costs, and their distribution, associated with changes in management regimes (e.g., changes in product markets, characteristics of quota share markets, changes in distribution of ownership, changes in crew compensation) as a consequence of the introduction of dedicated access privileges in the halibut/sablefish, AFA pollock, and crab fisheries. Benefits and costs include both economic and social dimensions. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: High, Crab PT - Priority: Important | None | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 180 | Economic, social, and cultural valuation research on protected species | Economic, social, and cultural valuation research on protected species is needed (i.e., non-market consumptive use, <u>subsistence use</u> , passive use, non-consumptive use). | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: High | None | Underway | Underway |
| 196 | Evaluate hybridization of snow and Tanner crabs. | Evaluate the assessment and management implications of hybridization of snow and Tanner crabs. | Strategic - Future Needs | Crab PT - Priority: Strategic | None | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 203 | Improve discard mortality rate estimates for scallops | Field and laboratory studies are needed to estimate Alaskan scallop discard mortality by evaluating relationship between capture, release condition and deck time, and subsequent survival. | Urgent | Scallop PT - Priority: Pending | None | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 207 | Analyses of fishery effort and observer data for scallops | As fishery independent surveys are conducted on only a few beds in Central Region, it is important to confirm the validity of fishery-dependent CPUE as an index of local abundance. Concerns about the utility of CPUE as an abundance index for fishery management are compounded by the limited number of vessels in the current fishery. Emerging methods from other data-limited stock assessments should be explored as alternatives to CPUE as indices of stock status. | Urgent | Scallop PT - Priority: Pending | None | No action | No action |
| 209 | Investigate factors affecting the guided angler sector of the halibut fishery | Continue to investigate factors that affect angler demand and trip supply in the guided angler sector of the halibut fishery. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium | None | Underway | Underway |
| 214 | Evaluate the impact of seabird bycatch in fisheries on bird populations, and methods to reduce | Assess the extent and impact of seabird bycatch in fisheries on bird populations, and develop methods to reduce seabird bycatch, particularly protected species, such as short-tailed albatross. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium | None | Underway | Underway |
| 215 | Determine potential impacts of fishing activities on marine mammals | Determine potential impacts of fishing activities on marine mammals (e.g., state managed gillnet fisheries), and in particular on North Pacific right whales and the Eastern North Pacific blue whales, particularly in identified critical (NPRW) or essential (NPBW) habitat. | Strategic - Future Needs | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium | None | No action | No action |
| 216 | Assess whether Bering Sea canyons are habitats of particular concern | Assess whether Bering Sea canyons are habitats of particular concern by assessing the distribution and prevalence of coral and sponge habitat, and comparing marine communities within and above the canyon areas, including a comparison of mid-level and apex predators to neighboring shelf/slope ecosystems. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | None | Partially underway | Partially underway |

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| 226 | Continue to evaluate the economic effects from fishery policy changes on coastal communities. | Continue to evaluate the economic effects from fishery policy changes on coastal communities. This includes understanding economic impacts (both direct and indirect) and how the impacts are distributed among communities and economic sectors. | Critical Ongoing Monitoring | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending, Crab PT - Priority: Important | None | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 228 | Conduct studies documenting the subsistence harvest (patterns, norms, quantities) in communities affected by Council actions. | Conduct studies documenting the subsistence harvest patterns, norms and quantities in communities that depend upon resources that may be affected by Council action. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Low | None | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 229 | Evaluate the effectiveness of setting ABC and OFL levels for data-poor crab stocks | Evaluate the effectiveness (e.g., potential for overharvest or unnecessarily limiting other fisheries) of setting ABC and OFL levels for data-poor stocks (Tiers 4 and 5 for crab). | Urgent | Crab PT - Priority: Strategic | None | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 233 | Develop an ongoing database of product inventories | Development of an ongoing database of product inventories (and trade volume and prices) for principal shellfish, groundfish, Pacific halibut, and salmon harvested by U.S. fisheries in the North Pacific and eastern Bering Sea. | Strategic - Future Needs | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Low, Crab PT - Priority: Strategic | None | No action | No action |
| 234 | Analyze current determinants of demand for principal seafood products | Analyze current determinants of ex vessel, wholesale, international, and retail demand for principal seafood products from the GOA and BSAI. | Strategic - Future Needs | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Low, Crab PT - Priority: Strategic | None | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 235 | Investigate gear modifications and changes in fishing practices to reduce bycatch and PSC | Gear modifications and changes in fishing practices to reduce bycatch and PSC are needed. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | None | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 239 | Assess the extent of the distribution of corals | Assess the extent of the spatial distribution of corals and conduct routine monitoring of these areas. | Urgent | | None | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 247 | Assess the relative importance of non-commercially exploited species to human communities | Assess the relative importance of non-commercially exploited species (invertebrates, fish, marine mammals, and seabirds) to human communities, particularly in Arctic. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium | None | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 249 | Assess the movement of Steller sea lions and northern fur seals | Assess the movement of Steller sea lions and northern fur seals in response to environmental variability to understand the spatial changes of predator-prey interactions. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: High | None | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 361 | Effects of Ocean Acidification on Scallops | Laboratory studies are needed to understand the mineralization of scallop shells through their life cycle and under current spatial variability and future scenarios of ocean acidification. | Strategic - Future Needs | Scallop PT - Priority: Pending | None | No action | No action |
| 362 | Monitoring potential water quality impacts on scallops | Seasonal water quality monitoring in known scallop areas are needed to determine whether conditions are detrimental to scallop growth and survival. | Important - Near Term | Scallop PT - Priority: Pending | None | No action | No action |
| 363 | Area-specific variability in scallop population processes | Investigate area-specific variability in vital population processes including growth, recruitment, natural mortality and movement including mark-recapture tagging studies. | Important - Near Term | Scallop PT - Priority: Critical | None | No action | No action |
| 364 | Updated sperm whale stock assessment | Updated sperm whale abundance estimates are needed. Sperm whale depredation interactions with longline fisheries have increased, but little is known about sperm whale populations. Updated population estimates and defined PBR's are needed to effectively respond if a take occurs in the longline fishery. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium | None | No action | No action |
| 368 | Develop a simulation model of Steller sea lion fishery interactions | Management strategy evaluation tools based on coupled bio-physical models with fishing and top trophic level foragers (e.g., Steller sea lions) should be developed to evaluate the performance of different harvest strategies, to inform future management decisions, and to prioritize field studies. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | None | No action | No action |
| 385 | Study Pacific halibut PSC, bycatch, and discard behavior in fisheries | Continue to explore management actions that reduce the incentives for PSC-, bycatch- and discard-related mortality of Pacific halibut. Evaluation of observer coverage, accuracy, and representativeness of PSC and bycatch estimates should be included. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | None | Underway | Underway |
| 386 | Investigate long term effects of fishing on Pacific halibut | Collect genetic samples for future comparison. | Strategic - Future Needs | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | None | Underway | Underway |
| 387 | Determine effects of migration on the Pacific halibut population and management | Extend existing analyses of tagging studies to include age-specific components. Continue to evaluate the role of migration in contributing to population dynamics and trends associated with area-specific catch, PSC levels, and downstream effects. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | None | Underway | Underway |
| 388 | Study temporal and spatial patterns in size-at-age of Pacific halibut | Reanalyze historical records of Pacific halibut size-at-age. Requires identifying samples from consistent spatial areas as well as re-ageing of older samples that utilized differing methods for age determination. Relate observed patterns to somatic growth via otolith increment analysis and development of bioenergetics model relating long-term environmental and ecological drivers to halibut size-at-age. Continue to explore the potential role of fishing in observed size-at-age trends via direct or evolutionary pathways and the interaction with size-selective fishing, include these analyses in harvest policy analyses. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | None | Underway | Underway |
| 390 | Assess the population status of harbor seals in the Aleutian Islands and determine factors affecting their population trajectories | Assess the population status of harbor seals in the Aleutian Islands and determine factors affecting their population trajectories | Strategic - Future Needs | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium | None | Underway | Underway |

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| 431 | Develop tools for analyzing coastal community vulnerability to fisheries management changes | Develop tools for assessing and predicting coastal community vulnerability to fisheries management changes. Assess changes in community vulnerability over time by FMP and individual catch share fishery. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: High, Crab PT - Priority: Critical Ongoing Monitoring | None | Underway | Underway |
| 472 | Evaluate causes of variable meat size, undersize meats in scallops | Exploratory tows in the Bering Sea (District Q) and some areas open to harvest around Yakutat (District D) have shown scallops with disproportionately small meats relative to shell height. The cause of this condition as well as potential for recovery is unknown to industry. | Important - Near Term | Scallop PT - Priority: Urgent | None | Pending | Pending |
| 491 | Assess dependence and impacts of halibut management actions on communities | Quantitatively and qualitatively examine the suite of engagements, dependencies, and vulnerabilities of halibut dependent communities and impacts of halibut management actions. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | None | Pending | Pending |
| 492 | Investigate factors underlying fishery responses to halibut PSC caps | There is need to understand the underlying factors through which industry can adjust its behavior and its corresponding halibut encounter rates, in response to potential changes in halibut PSC caps. Investigations under this category could be conducted in combination with evaluations of alternative management actions for halibut PSC under Research Priority 385. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | None | Pending | Pending |
| 493 | Examine the relative importance of historical closed areas in the vicinity of the Pribilof Islands as juvenile halibut nursery habitat relative to other regions coast-wide. | Evaluate the biological effects of establishing spatial protections of juvenile halibut from fishing gear on BSAI halibut stock health. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | None | Pending | Pending |
| 222 | Improve estimates of natural mortality (M) for Pacific cod. | Improve estimates of natural mortality (M) for several stocks, including Pacific cod. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | Split? | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 146 | Improve surveys in untrawlable habitat, particularly for rockfish, Atka mackerel, and sculpins | For groundfish in general, and rockfish and Atka mackerel in particular, continue and expand research on trawlable and untrawlable habitat to improve resource assessment surveys. For example, improved surveys, such as hydro-acoustic surveys, are needed to better assess pelagic rockfish species that are found in untrawlable habitat or are semi-pelagic species such as northern and dusky rockfish. A number of publications specific to untrawlable grounds and rockfish sampling have been published recently, but have not been incorporated directly into routine stock assessment routine survey designs. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium | Strategic - Future Needs | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 150 | Maintain the core biological and oceanographic data (e.g., biophysical moorings, stomach data, zooplankton, age 0 surveys) necessary to support integrated ecosystem assessment | Maintain the core data and process studies needed to support integrated ecosystem assessments. Core data include inputs for single- or multi-species management strategy evaluations, food web, and coupled biophysical end-to-end ecosystem models (e.g. biophysical moorings, stomach data, zooplankton, age 0 surveys (i.e. BASIS surveys)). Develop and maintain indices of sea ice formation, sea ice retreat, and timing/extent of the spring bloom for the EBS. For this, maintenance of moorings, especially M-2, is essential. If recent changes in ice cover and temperatures in the Bering Sea persist, these may have profound effects on marine communities. | Critical Ongoing Monitoring | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending, Crab PT - Priority: Strategic | Strategic - Future Needs | Underway | Underway |
| 158 | Research ecosystem indicators and their thresholds for inclusion in ecosystem-level management strategy evaluation. | Initiate/continue research on the synthesis of ecosystem indicators, developing and evaluating thresholds for ecosystem indicators, and ecosystem-level management strategy evaluation. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium, Crab PT - Priority: Strategic | Strategic - Future Needs | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 163 | Conduct routine fish, crab, and oceanographic surveys in the northern Bering Sea and Arctic Ocean | Dynamic ecosystem and environmental changes in the northern Bering Sea and Arctic are occurring. Assessment of the current baseline conditions and trophic interactions is important. This effort should not supplant the regular surveys in the BSAI and GOA, which are of critical importance to science and management. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Low, Crab PT - Priority: Important | Strategic - Future Needs | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 171 | Acquire basic life history information (e.g., natural mortality, growth, size at maturity) for data-poor stocks | Basic life history information is needed for stock assessment and management of data-poor stocks, such as scallops, sharks, skates, sculpins, octopus, grenadiers, squid, and blue king crab (Bering Sea), golden king crabs (Aleutian Islands), and red king crab (Norton Sound). Specifically, information is needed on natural mortality, growth rates, size at maturity, and other basic indicators of stock production/productivity. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending, Scallop PT - Priority: Pending | Strategic - Future Needs | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 173 | Expand studies to identify stock and management boundaries | To identify and refine stock boundaries and understand source/sink dynamics (e.g., scallop metapopulations). Conduct studies to evaluate all crab stock boundaries relative to management boundaries (e.g. Bristol Bay red king crab, Adak red king crab, Pribilof blue king crab). Expanded studies are needed in the areas of genetics, mark-recapture, reproductive biology, larval distribution, and advection. Such boundaries are to be evaluated so that the risks and consequences of management actions are clear. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending, Scallop PT - Priority: Pending | Strategic - Future Needs | Underway | Underway |
| 174 | Develop spatially explicit stock assessment models | Develop spatially explicit stock assessment models. High priority species for spatially explicit models include: walleye pollock, snow and Tanner crab, Pacific cod, sablefish, yellowfin sole, rock sole, arrowtooth flounder, Pacific ocean perch, black spotted rockfish, rougheye rockfish, and Atka mackerel. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending, Crab PT - Priority: Strategic | Strategic - Future Needs | No action | No action |
| 176 | Refine methods to incorporate uncertainty into harvest strategies for groundfish | Refine P* and decision theoretic methods to incorporate uncertainty into harvest strategies for groundfish for ACL estimation. Continue existing management strategy evaluations at the stock level. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: High | Strategic - Future Needs | Underway | Underway |

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| 177 | Conduct prospective and retrospective analyses of changes in the spatial and temporal distribution of fishing effort in response to management change | Conduct prospective and retrospective analyses of changes in the spatial and temporal distribution of fishing effort, in response to management actions (e.g., time/area closures, marine reserves, PSC and other bycatch restrictions, co-ops, IFQs). | Strategic - Future Needs | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: High, Crab PT - Priority: Strategic | Strategic - Future Needs | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 183 | Research the role of habitat in population dynamics and ecosystem processes | Research is needed on the role of habitat in population dynamics and ecosystem processes. Specifically, studies are needed to evaluate how habitat-forming species (e.g., corals) influence life history parameters (e.g., mortality, growth, movement) of FMP species and their preferred prey. Such research will identify key habitats (including essential fish habitat and habitat areas of particular concern), improve the design and management of marine protected areas, and ultimately improve stock assessments and restoration efforts. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: High, Crab PT - Priority: Strategic | Strategic - Future Needs | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 184 | Evaluate efficacy of habitat closure areas and habitat recovery | Establish a scientific research and monitoring program to understand the degree to which impacts on habitat, benthic infauna, etc., have been reduced within habitat closure areas, and to understand how benthic habitat recovery of key species is occurring. (This is an objective of EFH research approach for the Council FMPs). | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: High, Crab PT - Priority: Strategic | Strategic - Future Needs | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 186 | Collect and maintain zooplankton and meroplankton biomass and community composition time series | Collect and maintain zooplankton and meroplankton biomass and community composition time series in the eastern Bering Sea. Develop, collect and maintain time series of zooplankton biomass and community composition for the GOA, AI, Arctic. | Critical Ongoing Monitoring | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium, Crab PT - Priority: Strategic | Strategic - Future Needs | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 187 | Maintain indicator-based ecosystem assessment for EBS. | Maintain indicator-based ecosystem assessment for EBS. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: High | Strategic - Future Needs | Underway | Underway |
| 188 | Develop indicator-based ecosystem assessments for AI (in progress), GOA, Arctic. | Develop indicator-based ecosystem assessments for AI (in progress), GOA, and the Arctic. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: High | Strategic - Future Needs | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 189 | Develop stock-specific ecosystem indicators and incorporate into stock assessments. | Develop stock-specific ecosystem indicators and incorporate into stock assessments. (in progress) | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: High | Strategic - Future Needs | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 190 | Collect and maintain time series of ocean pH | Collect and maintain time series of ocean pH in the major water masses off Alaska to improve understanding of ocean acidification and its effects on managed species, upper level predators and lower trophic levels | Critical Ongoing Monitoring | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium, Crab PT - Priority: Important | Strategic - Future Needs | Underway | Underway |
| 191 | Assess whether changes in pH and temperature would affect managed species, upper level predators, and lower trophic levels. | Assess whether changes in pH and temperature would affect managed species, upper level predators, and lower trophic levels. Laboratory studies are needed to assess the synergistic effects of ocean acidification and changes in temperature on productivity of marine species. | Strategic - Future Needs | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium, Crab PT - Priority: Important | Strategic - Future Needs | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 194 | Identification and integration of archived data | Identification and recovery of archived data (e.g., historical agency groundfish and shellfish surveys) should be pursued. Investigate integrating these data into stock and ecosystem assessments. Some archival acoustic data have been cataloged, and most trawl surveys have been included in databases. Some one-time research surveys remain neglected. | Strategic - Future Needs | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Low, Crab PT - Priority: Strategic, Scallop PT - Priority: Pending | Strategic - Future Needs | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 197 | Develop methodologies to monitor for new/emerging diseases and/or parasites among exploited species and higher trophic levels | Develop methodologies to monitor for new/emerging diseases and/or parasites among exploited species and higher trophic levels. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Low, Crab PT - Priority: Strategic | Strategic - Future Needs | No action | No action |
| 198 | Initiate and expand non-market valuation research of habitat, ecosystem services, and passive use considerations | Initiate and expand non-market valuation research of habitat, ecosystem services, and passive use considerations. | Strategic - Future Needs | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Low | Strategic - Future Needs | No action | No action |
| 200 | Monitor contaminant flux and loads in lower and higher trophic levels, and assess potential for impact on vital rates. | Monitor contaminant flux and loads in lower and higher trophic levels, and assess potential for impact on vital rates. Laboratory studies are needed to assess the effects of oil dispersants on the productivity of marine species. | Strategic - Future Needs | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Low | Strategic - Future Needs | No action | No action |
| 205 | Age determination methods for Pacific cod, Pacific sleeper sharks, and spiny dogfish | Studies are needed to validate and improve age determination methods for Pacific cod, Pacific sleeper sharks, and spiny dogfish. Conventional tagging studies of young of the year and/or one-year old Pacific cod would be useful in this regard (partially underway for cod and dogfish). | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Pending | Strategic - Future Needs | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 219 | Monitor skate egg case concentrations every 2 to 3 years using non-invasive research design, such as in situ observation | Skate egg case concentrations should be monitored every 2 to 3 years using non-invasive research design, such as in situ observation. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Low | Strategic - Future Needs | No action | No action |

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| 244 | Collect and maintain time-series data on the community composition, production and biomass of benthic invertebrate and vertebrate fauna | Collect and maintain time-series data on the community composition, production and biomass of benthic invertebrate and vertebrate fauna. | Strategic - Future Needs | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Low | Strategic - Future Needs | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 245 | Assess the impact of increases in recovering whale populations on lower trophic level energy pathways | Assess the impact of increases in recovering whale populations (e.g., gray, humpback and fin) on lower trophic level energy pathways. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Low | Strategic - Future Needs | No action | No action |
| 382 | Investigate in situ methods of tagging species that experience barotrauma | Species with swim bladders experience barotrauma, so that tagging studies result in high mortality and little information. Icelandic and Norwegian scientists have developed in situ methods for tagging, so that these fish never change depth. This could provide precise estimates of movement rates from tagging studies needed for spatial stock assessments. Such a recommendation for walleye pollock is found in a 2011 Report of a Workshop on Spatial Structure and Dynamics of Walleye pollock (AFSC Processed Report 2011-04). | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Low | Strategic - Future Needs | No action | No action |
| 178 | Develop a framework for collection of economic information | Develop a framework for collection of economic information on commercial, recreational, and charter fishing, as well as fish processing, to meet the requirements of the MSFCMA sections 303(a)(5, 9, 13), 303(b)(6), and 303A. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: High, Crab PT - Priority: Urgent | Urgent | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 231 | Retrospective analysis of the impact of Chinook salmon PSC avoidance measures on the BSAI pollock fishery | Conduct retrospective analyses to assess the impact of Chinook salmon PSC avoidance measures on the BSAI pollock fishery. Analyses should include an evaluation of the magnitude and distribution of economic effects of salmon avoidance measures for the Bering Sea pollock fishery. In this case, it is important to understand how pollock harvesters have adapted their behavior to avoid bycatch of Chinook and "other" salmon, under various economic and environmental conditions and incentive mechanisms. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: High | Urgent | Partially underway | Partially underway |
| 232 | Develop management strategy evaluations that incorporate changing climate and market economic conditions. | Develop management strategy evaluations under differing assumptions regarding climate and economic conditions. Promote the standardization of "future scenarios" from different models to promote comparability of model outputs. | Urgent | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: High, Crab PT - Priority: Important | Urgent | Underway | Underway |
| 237 | Improved habitat maps | Improved habitat maps (especially benthic habitats) are required to identify essential fish habitat and distributions of various substrates and habitat types, including habitat-forming biota, infauna, and epifauna in the GOA, BS, and Aleutian Islands. | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: High, Crab PT - Priority: Strategic | Urgent | Underway | Underway |
| 236 | Examine social and economic interactions between coastal communities and commercial and recreational fisheries | Examine social and economic interactions between coastal communities and commercial and recreational fisheries (e.g. subsistence-commercial linkages, adaptations to changes in resource use, economic opportunities for coastal communities). | Important - Near Term | Joint Groundfish PT - Priority: Medium | | Underway | Underway |