

Draft Objectives for Joint Plan Team stock prioritization review

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Objective: provide Joint Groundfish Plan Team recommendations on NPFMC stock prioritization results.
Specifically:

1. evaluate the results of the prioritization process applied to N. Pacific groundfish;
2. develop a proposal for how to use those results to support planning;
3. discuss any recommended changes from status quo and whether those changes are supported/justified;
4. and for any proposed changes, discuss the implications, and where assessments may occur at lower frequency, discuss potential interim actions to support mgmt.

Agenda:

- 1) Results of scenarios and discuss process of incorporating Council feedback.
 - a. Working from Scenario 4 results discuss pros and cons of the recommended assessment cycle.
 - i. Stock assessment author's review and recommendations by stock
 - b. Create a list of factors that might shift the prioritization for different species.
 - c. Develop a proposed assessment frequency and justification for all BSAI and GOA stocks
 - d. If no changes to assessment frequency discuss how results of prioritization can be used to guide future assessment reviews (i.e. CIE or otherwise)
 - e. Develop several options for how the Plan Team process will be combined with Council input to make final prioritization recommendations.
- 2) Off-cycle assessment options or plans
 - a. List of potential options for off-cycle assessments and pros/cons of each. End result is a recommended approach for off-cycle assessments (either status quo or modified)
- 3) Implications of lag time between assessments.
 - a. choke species
 - b. stock status issues
 - c. climate and forecasting issues on stock status
 - d. management response to uncertainty
 - e. trade-offs for assessment scientists