

Research Priorities

Joint Groundfish Plan Team Recommendations

November 2015

Each year, at its May meeting, the NPFMC identifies and communicates to the SOC, AFSC, NPRB, ADF&G, as well as other regional academic, research, and funding entities, its research priorities for the upcoming five year period. Identification of those priorities is done with consideration to recommendations from the Council's plan teams and SSC. The Council's list of research priorities along with the collected inputs from its advisory bodies is maintained in a publically accessible, queryable database at <https://research.psmfc.org/>.

The research priorities consist of a list of research projects ranging from general to very specific that have accumulated over a period of several years. Applicability of projects to a given plan team's expertise varies so that not all plan teams are expected to weigh in on every project. The projects are numbered by research ID in order, roughly, of their addition to the list (there are currently 126 projects). Each project has a title and a description, and, separately, the Council/SSC's and the PT's priority designations. Progress on the projects (research status) is also indicated.

At the November Groundfish PT meeting, the Teams will have a brief period during the joint session, to provide recommendations on existing and additional research priorities, as needed. The current list as well as the updated terms and definitions were sent out to the PTs on Oct 15, and a [google doc version](#) of the list (spreadsheet) was used to accumulate comments from PT members. Feedback from the PTs was quite limited, and, as such, it is unlikely that discussion during the joint session will adequately address remaining needs for a thorough PT report on the subject.

Item	Revisions completed	Minimum revisions needed
JGFPT Priority	35	19 / 17
Research Status	3	5
Project Title/Description	4	N/A
New Project	1	

Suggested Action:

Establish Working Group(s) to address remaining projects

Option 1: Complete during meeting week, circulate results for general feedback to finalize.

Option 2: Conduct review after PT meeting week, hold Conf Call or WebEx to finalize