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Action Memo

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Eric Olson, Chairman
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SUBJECT:
Research Priorities

ESTIMATED TIME:
2 hours (4 hours for all D items)

ACTION REQUIRED:
Review research priorities

BACKGROUND

The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires the Council to adopt a five-year research priorities. The Council adopted its most recent five-year research plan in June 2013 (attached), based on recommendations from its four Plan Teams, the Scientific and Statistical Committee, and the Advisory Panel. At this meeting, the Council will update its five-year research plan for 2015-2019.

Staff has been working on transitioning the Council and SSC's 2013 research priority list to a relational database system accessed through a web portal, developed by Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission staff. The use of the database allows us to track more information relative to each research priority, including relative Plan Team priorities, keywords, and the status of research activity. The Council's research priorities for 2013 are now publicly available online at <https://research.psmfc.org/>. Staff intends to continue improving the website in response to user feedback.

At this meeting, the SSC will consider recommended revisions from the Scallop and Crab Plan Teams (attached), and will propose research priorities for the Council's consideration.