



# Council Research Priorities

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- Requires 5-yr research priorities for each Council in conjunction with SSC
  - Fisheries
  - Fisheries interactions
  - Habitat
  - Other areas
- Update “as necessary”
- Submit to DOC Sect’y and NMFS Centers for “consideration” during planning



# Proposed Course of Action

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- Councils already have input to NMFS 5-yr Research Plan, but not timely enough
- Council's research priorities should be delivered annually, prior to NMFS AOP exercise
- Format for deliverable:
  - Letter to Sect'y, NMFS-ST, Science Director, and Regional Administrator?
  - Report with standard format?
  - Meeting with regional NMFS leaders?