

2020/2021 NTAP Research Priority Voting Results

I. Voting/Scoring Process:

Each NTAP member voted on their top research priorities via email. The score for each project were calculated as follows.

SCORING	
1 st choice	3 pts
2 nd choice	2 pts
3 rd choice	1 pt
4 th choice	0 pts
5 th choice	0 pts

II. Results from vote - January 2020

SUGGESTED RESEARCH	SCORE	RANK
Side-by-side tows of NEAMAP and the NOAA Ship Henry B. Bigelow during routine survey operations	25	1
Paired chainsweep/rock hopper wingspread experiment	9	2/3
Restrictor cable research	9	2/3
Single trawl, ABBA wingspread experiment	8	4
Consistency of bottom contact along the Bigelow rockhopper sweep	7	7
Wingspread research for additional species	4	6

III. Results from vote - August 2020

SUGGESTED RESEARCH	SCORE	RANK
Carry over funding to Fiscal Year 2022	20	1
Mine currently available data	14	2/3
Design survey for wind energy areas suitable for integration in stock assessments	14	2/3
Extend inshore surveys (NEAMAP, MA/NH)	8	4

IV. Results from vote – February 2021

SUGGESTED RESEARCH	RANK
Explore methods to improve the performance of the at sea operations of NEFSC survey bottom trawl and evaluate the feasibility of incorporating gear changes into survey operations	1/2
Explore analytical methods to identify and control for variables that influence survey catchability, and use results to adjust/standardize survey data for stock assessments	1/2
None of the suggested options	3