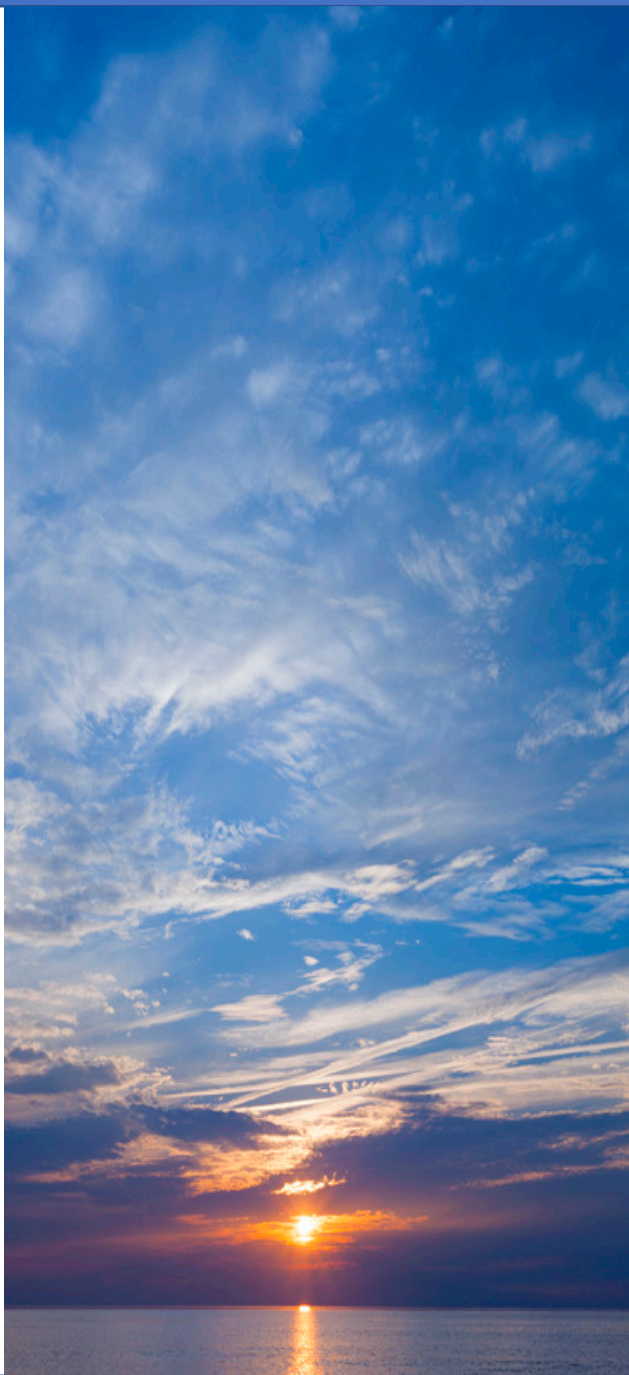




5-Year Comprehensive Research Priorities: 2020-2024

MAFMC SSC Meeting
September 11, 2019



Review of Current 5-Year Plan

- Council supported projects from 2015 – 2018
 - 21 projects – covering all 6 FMP and 9 specific species
 - 14 projects addressed species specific (10) or priority themes (4)
 - 19 projects helped inform, or likely to inform, management action or assessment
- Utility to NEFSC more difficult to assess
 - Various strategic plans – similarity with a number of priority themes and needs



Major Research Priority Themes

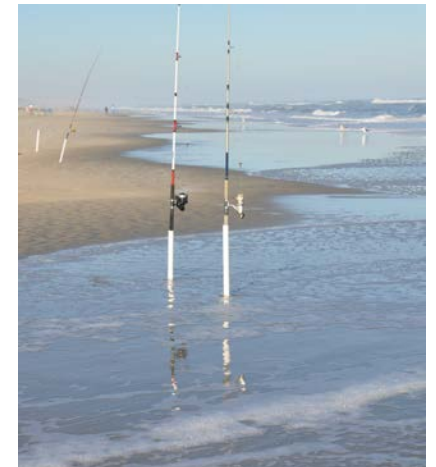
Existing Themes

- Stock assessment improvement
- Research to support measures to reduce/eliminate discards
- Collect and incorporate social and economic data into fishery management decision process and stabilize yields
- Improving timeliness and accuracy of fishery data collection through electronic reporting
- Evaluation of existing allocations to fishery sectors

Major Research Priority Themes

Potential New/Additional Themes

- Recreational data collection
- Continue collection of ecosystem data and development of ecosystem tools and management strategies to support the priorities in the Council's EAFM guidance document



Process and Feedback

- Throughout 2019 – input from AP, Monitoring Committee and SSC as part of specifications review process
 - Work with staff and NEFSC assessment lead to provide recommendations
 - Plan to continue approach for species/FMP specific priorities
 - Review process to document progress to address research needs
- Feedback from SSC on:
 - Evaluation process
 - Improve effectiveness and approaches to integrate priorities across region
 - Existing and new/additional priority themes