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<b>Groundfish</b>						
1	<u>Set ABCs/ACLs for all groundfish stocks for FY2020-2022 and US/CA stocks for FY 2020</u>				Y	Requirement
2	Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring (including Fishery Data for Stock Assessment Working Group and possible workshops)		Ongoing	Y		
3	Cod Stock Structure Working Group		Ongoing	Y		Jan 2012 SSC report; 2015-2018 priorities
4	Specify allocation review triggers		Ongoing			NMFS allocation review policy; 2018 priorities
5	Consider results of public listening sessions for possible initiation of an amendment to develop a limited access program for the party/charter fishery			Y		Follow-up from 2018 priorities
6	Possible recreational sub-ACL for GB cod					
7	<u>Address SDC issue when analytic assessments fail</u>			Y		2018 priorities
8	Address commercial/recreational allocation issues if raised by new MRIP data		Ongoing	Y		
9	Modify the GF control rule for stocks without analytical models – i.e., empirical and index-based (see SSC list below, item 10 above)					SSC meeting August 2017 and 2018
10	Get input on different ways to manage recreational fishery in light of highly variable catch estimates: for example, consideration of catch error estimates under MRIP, and errors in bioeconomic model used to determine measures		Ongoing			Groundfish Committee, Sept 2017 Council meeting, 2018 priorities
11	Staff Sector five-year review		Ongoing	Y		NMFS catch share policy
12	Staff Groundfish operational assessments					
13	Staff TRAC/TMGC					
<b>Monkfish</b>						
14	<u>Monkfish specifications for 2020-2022</u>				Y	
<b>Sea Scallops</b>						
15	<u>Prepare a specifications package to set FY 2020 (2021 default) specifications (i.e. setting DAS, access area trips, Northern GOM TAC, limited access general category IFQ allocations, etc.).</u>				Y	Requirement
16	Action to modify scallop access areas to be consistent with OA2 revised management areas					2018 priority
17	NGOM scallop management measure changes: such as changing opening date, consistent gear restrictions, possession limits, effort controls.			Y		2018 priority
18	Measures to address DAS and IFQ carryover					
19	Gear modifications to protect small scallops (extended link)					
20	Specify allocation review triggers		Ongoing			NMFS allocation review policy
21	Adjustments to scallop industry funded observer program (NGOM coverage, etc.)					NEFSC letter August 2017

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22	Staff	NMFS and PDT have annual responsibilities related to estimating scallop, YT, windowpane catch during the year (i.e. LA AM exception, re-evaluation of YT sub-ACL based on updated information).	Ongoing		Y
23	Staff	Support annual scallop RSA process, including priority setting, and technical and management reviews.	Ongoing		
<b>Herring</b>					
24		Submit A8: ABC control rule and measures to address potential localized depletion and user conflicts	Ongoing	Y	2015 Priorities
25		2020-2021: revise reference points; consider different methods for RH/S catch caps; and potentially other measures			Y
26		Workshop to solicit feedback on MSE process			
27	Staff	Coordination with MAFMC, ASMFC on various herring issues (RH/S, etc.)	Ongoing		
28	Staff	2019 specifications development (if needed)			
<b>SBRM</b>					
29		No action planned			
<b>Red Crab</b>					
30		No action planned			
<b>Habitat</b>					
31		Initiate action to revise habitat management areas on northern edge of Georges Bank		Y	2015 Priorities
32		Complete framework action to address surfclam access to HMAs	Ongoing	Y	Triggered by OHA2
33	Staff	Brief HC and Council on 2017-18 updates to SASI model and identify next steps	Ongoing	Y	Contract issued 2017 w/ NMFS support
34		Develop Council policies on additional non-fishing activities (offshore energy policies adopted 2018)	Ongoing	Y	2018 priorities
35	Staff	Habitat impacts of other management actions	Ongoing	Y	
36	Staff	SBNMS advisory panel and ASMFC habitat committee	Ongoing		
37	Staff	Develop habitat and fishery related comments on non-fishing activities, particularly wind power, in consultation with other agencies, (including BOEM)	Ongoing		
38		NEFMC-MAFMC Workshop on offshore wind fisheries issues			
<b>RSC</b>					
38		Continue to steer research to support NEFMC plans	Ongoing		
39		Improve RSC priority process and RSC role/mission			RSC meeting July 2017
40	Staff	Support S-K program	Ongoing		
<b>SSC</b>					

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41	Support Council activities such as <u>recommending ABCs</u> and making recommendations in the FMP development process		Ongoing		Y	
42	Understand and resolve poor assessment model performance (primarily groundfish assessments)					
43	Develop consistent guidelines for application of Plan B approaches					
44	Consider modifications to groundfish ABC control rules (see Groundfish)					August 2017 SSC meeting
<b>Enforcement, Safety, VMS</b>						
45	Continue to support enforcement, safety and VMS issues.		Ongoing			
46						
<b>Whiting</b>						
47	Submit final preferred alternatives with FEIS for Amendment 22, limited entry		Ongoing	Y		2018pPriorities
48	<u>Address overfished condition/develop rebuilding plan for southern red hake</u>				Y	Requirement
49	Modify northern red hake AM (framework or specifications action)					May be bundled with item 47
50	Consider whiting exemption area adjustments					May be bundled with item 47
51	Staff PDT receives annual monitoring report from Regional Office and advise Council whether management adjustments are needed		Ongoing		Y	
<b>Skates</b>						
52	Prepare an amendment to consider limited access in the skate fishery		Ongoing	Y		2016 Priorities
53	<u>Skate specifications for 2020-2021</u>				Y	
54	Staff Skate monitoring report				Y	
<b>EBFM</b>						
55	Complete example Fishery Ecosystem Plan for Georges Bank and develop a Management Strategy Evaluation process to engage fishermen and other stakeholders while conducting testing and validation.		Ongoing	Y		2014 Priorities
56	Staff Support EBFM activities (WGNARS, SOE, etc.)					
<b>Observer Committee</b>						
57	Develop a policy and strategic approach to monitor commercial fisheries to address multiple information needs			Y		Jan 2015 Council motion; 2018 priorities
58	Study issue of full retention/no discards.			Y		September 2017 Council meeting
<b>Risk Policy Working Group</b>						
59	Review implementation of Council Risk Policy					
<b>Trawl Survey AP</b>						
60	Address issues identified in AP charter		Ongoing			2015 Priorities

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<b>Other: (Interspecies Type Actions)</b>					
61	Fishery dependent data projects: FMAT to begin development of omnibus amendment	Ongoing	Y		NRCC
62	NRCC Working Group Participation	Ongoing	Y		NRCC
63	International Fisheries Management TMGC/TRAC/Steering Committee ICCAT HMS Advisory Panel/HMS FMP NAFO Commissioner	Ongoing		Y	
64	Staff Protected Species issues	Ongoing			
65	Review and implement Program Review recommendations	Ongoing			
66	Preliminary work on Aquaculture FMP				GARFO/NRCC initiative
67	Complete review of RSA programs in sea scallops, monkfish, and herring FMPs	Ongoing	Y		2017 Priorities
68	Participate on Large Whale and Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Teams	Ongoing			
69	Adopt measures for fisheries if required by Northern Right Whale Biological Opinion		Y		