

# 2021 Council Priorities

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# 2020 Accomplishments

- Actions completed or completion anticipated
  - Scallop Amendment 21\*
  - Groundfish Amendment 23
  - Groundfish FW 61\*
  - Scallop FW 33\*
  - Herring FW 8\*
  - Small-mesh multispecies specifications\*
  - eFEP Workshop Development and Initiation
  - RSA Program Review
  - Commercial eVTR FW

## 2020 Priorities

- List of possible tasks in binders
  - Council actions
  - Major staff tasks
  - EO 13921 response
- No prioritization by Executive Committee yet; some Committees have reviewed list
- Tasks identified exceed resources available

# EO 13921 Main Provisions

- “...prioritized list of recommended actions to reduce burdens on domestic fishing and to increase production within sustainable fisheries, including a proposal for initiating each recommended action within 1 year of the date of this order.”
- Regulations, orders, guidance documents, or other similar agency actions
- Must comply with applicable law.
- Aquaculture provisions as well – NMFS lead
- No new resources



## Ongoing Multiyear Priorities

- EBFM eFEP Development
- Groundfish ASM Amendment 23
- Scallop Amendment 21
- Skate Limited Entry Amendment
- Fishery dependent data project
- Council Program Review Implementation
- RSA Program Review implementation
- Etc.....

# Task Additions Since Mailing

- Herring: review and potentially adjust the herring accountability measures
- Scallops: Conduct scoping on a LA DAS and AA trips leasing program to assess the need for a leasing program and whether to move forward with developing an amendment.
- Groundfish: the next phase of catch share review include a thorough examination of the self-management aspects of the sector system, and describe the trends in vessels that have not left the system, but instead have become no longer active.

# Questions?