

**2012 DRAFT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MANAGEMENT PRIORITIES (Aug 10, 2011)**

Committee	Action	Completion	Staff (TBD)
Groundfish	1. Continue Amendment 18 to consider fleet diversity and accumulation caps.	Dec 2012	
	2. Coordinate action on the Habitat Omnibus Amendment to include possible modifications of the Groundfish closed areas.	Mar 2012	
	3. Prepare framework action to adjust sector rules based on lessons learned from Oct 2011 Sector Workshop		
Monkfish	1. Continue Monkfish Amend 6 for catch shares (sectors and IFQs).	2013	
Whiting	1. Continue Whiting Amendment to set ACLs, AMs and Specs (2012-2014).	Mar 2012	
Scallops	1. Prepare Framework 24 – to set specs for 2013 and 2014 and default measures for 2015.	Oct 2012	
	2. Continue A16 to develop IFQs.	2013	
Habitat	1. Continue Omnibus Habitat Amendment	Feb 2013	
Herring	1. Continue Amendment 5 to include monitoring, mackerel, river herring bycatch, criteria for access to closed areas, and protection of spawning aggregations.	Mar 2012	
	2. Prepare specs package for 2013 – 2015 based on new assessment.	Oct 2012	
Ecosystem Management	1. Prepare Ecosystem Plan. Phase one to establish Goals and Objectives and 3 ecosystem production units (GOM, GB, SNE)		
SBRM	1. Potential action to address SBRM recent lawsuit impacts.		
RSC	1. Continue to steer research to support NEFMC plans	N/A	
SSC	1. Support SSC activities such as recommending ABC and making recommendations in the FMP development process.	N/A	
Enforcement/Safety/VMS	1. Review management actions and provide comments on safety and enforceability. Make timely reports to Council.	N/A	

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## ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR PRIORITIES IN 2012

### *Interspecies:*

1. Develop a strategy including goals and objectives, issues and recommendations to improve monitoring in all FMPs.
2. Also potential action to address recommendations from 3 year SBRM review report.
3. Prepare Amendment to respond to NRCC working group recommendations for vessel upgrades and replacements.

### *Groundfish:*

1. Review 10 percent quota rollover provision in response to RA letter of June 20, 2011
2. Potential action to address Groundfish sector monitoring requirements resulting from Oceana lawsuit.
3. Prepare framework to establish LAGC ACLs and AMs for YT under the Groundfish FMP. Coordinate with Scallop Cte and PDT.
4. Recreational issues: Expecting new recreational catch data based on MRIP . Council may want to react to new recreational catch estimates.
5. Potential framework to update additional specs not included in framework 47. (Based on Groundfish Cte meeting of Aug11, 2011)

### *Hagfish:*

1. Prepare new Hagfish FMP

### *Whiting:*

1. Prepare Amendment for Limited Entry

### *Scallops:*

1. Coordinate action with Groundfish Cte to establish LAGC ACLs and AMs for YT under the Groundfish FMP.

***Skates:***

None

**FMP REQUIREMENTS FOR 2013**

Groundfish: Set specs for 2014 and 2015 (rollover provision exists)

Monkfish: Set specs for 2014 and 2015 (rollover provision exists)

Skates: Set specs for 2014 and 2015 (rollover provision exists)

Red Crab: Set specs for 2014 and 2015 (rollover provision exists)