

### Sustainable Fisheries Committee: Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab E

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**Agenda Item IV:** Research and Monitoring Priorities for 2025-2028

**Timeline Status:** Presentation, Discussion, and Feedback

**Council input and next steps:** Staff will present the Council’s research and monitoring priorities for the 2025-2028 grant cycle. These priorities are intended to foster a better understanding of the gaps in knowledge and data the Council hopes to mitigate. Following Council’s review and approval, the research and monitoring priorities for 2025-2028 are posted on the Council website and sent via letter to NMFS and other relevant federal and state grant agencies for consideration as priority items for funding opportunities. These priorities, if addressed, are expected to measurably improve the Council’s abilities to manage federal fisheries per the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The Committee should review the information presented, make recommendations, and approve these for the next grant cycle as appropriate. The SSC will have a final review and provide comments during its December 5<sup>th</sup> virtual meeting, which the Council chair will finalize before submittal.

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**Agenda Item V:** Consideration of Wahoo for Federal Management

**Timeline Status:** Presentation, Discussion, and Feedback

**Council input and next steps:** Council staff will present a summary of the life history, management, and recent landings for wahoo in the Gulf. The Committee is considering whether wahoo requires federal conservation and management at the request of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary and will review considerations in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to make this recommendation to the Council. The Committee should review the information presented, ask questions, and make a recommendation about whether the Council should consider moving forward with developing a management of wahoo in the Gulf.

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**Agenda Item VI:** Other Business

**Timeline Status:** Potential Additional items

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Additional items may be brought up for discussion by the Committee, time permitting. If the Committee wishes to pursue action, then action can be scheduled at a future Council meeting.