

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

Agenda Item IV: Research and Monitoring Priorities for 2025-2028 Including SSC Recommendations

Timeline Status: Presentation - Discussion

Council input and next steps: Staff will review the Council’s research and monitoring priorities for the next four years of its grant cycle, 2025 – 2028. Following Council’s review and approval, updated research and monitoring priorities for 2025-2028 are posted on the Council website and distributed to NMFS and other relevant federal and state grant agencies for consideration as priority items for funding opportunities. During its July 2024 meeting, the SSC received an overview from Council staff on the 2025-2028 research and monitoring priorities, about which Dr. Paul Mickle (SSC) will summarize SSC’s discussions and recommendations. The SSC requested to revisit the 2025-2028 research and monitoring priorities at its October 2024 meeting. The Committee should review the SSC’s comments and direct staff to move forward with inclusion of the SSC’s considerations and other feedback for the November Council meeting.

Agenda Item V: SSC Recommendations on Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rule

Timeline Status: Presentation and Feedback

Council input and next steps: During its July 2024 meeting, the SSC received presentations from the Southeast Fisheries Science Center on an alternative approach to the current Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rule, used by the SSC for determining the scientific uncertainty between the overfishing limit (OFL) and the ABC. Dr. Mickle will summarize SSC’s discussions and recommendations relative to the ABC control rule. The Committee should consider the information presented, ask questions, and decide if they concur with the SSC’s recommendation to request the SEFSC move forward with MSE control rule simulations. If the Council supports this approach staff will draft a letter to the SEFSC.

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.