

RESEARCH AND DATA NEEDS

Situation: On even numbered years the Council reviews and updates its research and data needs and economic data plan. The Scientific and Statistical Committee takes a lead role in this process, compiling comments from other advisory entities. In June, due to workload, the approval of a draft document for public review was delayed to this meeting. If the Council finds the document to be ready for public review at this meeting, final adoption would be scheduled for November. After final adoption, the next step of the biennial cycle is an early December meeting among the staffs of involved agencies to develop a consensus on high-priority initiatives to address Council needs.

Council Action:

- 1. Approve draft research and data needs for public review.**

Reference Materials:

1. Research and Data Needs 2000-2002 Draft (Exhibit F.1, Attachment 1).
- ✓ 2. West Coast Fisheries Economic Data Plan Draft (Supplemental Exhibit F.1, Attachment 2), *received*
3. Exhibit F.1, Supplemental SSC Report.

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