

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON
RESEARCH AND DATA NEEDS DOCUMENT – PRELIMINARY DRAFT

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) has reviewed the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) 2018 draft Research and Data Needs document ([Agenda Item C.4.a, Attachment 1](#)) as well as the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) report on this document. The GMT provided extensive, detailed comments on the Research and Data Needs document itself, and here present only general comments to the Council.

The GMT concurs with the SSC's opinion to endorse the Research and Data Needs document. In addition, the GMT agrees with the SSC that the Research and Data Needs document would be more poignant if it were streamlined and shortened. In its current form, the Research and Data Needs document is comprehensive but somewhat unclear in identifying the most pressing research priorities. The GMT supports the SSC's thought that the Council, with assistance from the SSC, consider reviewing Research and Data Needs documents from other U.S. Regional Fishery Management Councils to determine if there is a template or format that better articulates fishery research needs.

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