

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
RESEARCH AND DATA NEEDS DOCUMENT – PRELIMINARY DRAFT

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) reviewed the May 2018 draft of the Research and Data Needs Report (Attachment 1). The SSC agrees the document is ready for public review.

The May 2018 draft is comprehensive, yet its length and complexity makes identifying high priority research and data needs challenging. The amount of effort spent reviewing and revising the Research and Data Needs report by the SSC, other Council advisory bodies, and Council staff should be commensurate with its usefulness. The SSC recommends that the 2023 Research and Data Needs report be substantially slimmed down. A much shorter 2023 document with fewer priorities could be updated more frequently to remain current with evolving Council research and data needs.

The Council may wish to task Council staff to review other Councils' research and data needs processes and prepare recommendations for a revised process for the 2023 Research and Data Needs report.

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