General Priority (in no particular order of importance)		Specific priority actions	Status	2004				200	2005			2006		
			(updated 10-12-04)		Dec	Feb	Apr	Jun	Oct	Dec	Feb	Apr Jun	Oct	Dec
Protection of Habitat	a.	complete EFH action as scheduled	analysis ongoing											
	b.	recommend to NOAA Fisheries increased mapping of benthic environment												
	C.	develop and adopt definitions of MPAs, marine reserves, etc.	discussion paper initiated											
	d.	review all existing closures to see if these areas qualify for MPAs under established criteria	discussion paper initiated											
	e.	evaluate effectiveness of existing closures	discussion paper initiated											
Bycatch Reduction	a.	complete rationalization of GOA fisheries	analysis ongoing											
	b.	complete rationalization of BSAI non-pollock fisheries	partially addressed through IRIU Amd 80; also Pacific cod sector allocations											
	C.	explore incentive-based bycatch reduction programs	partially addressed through GOA rationalization											
	d.	explore mortality rate-based approach to setting PSC limits												
	e.	consider new management strategies to reduce incidental rockfish bycatch and discards	discussion paper initiated											
Protection of Steller Sea Lions	a.	continue to participate in development of mitigation measures to protect SSL including development of an EIS and participation in the ESA jeopardy consultation process												
	b.	recommend to NOAA Fisheries and participate in reconsideration of SSL critical habitat	on hold pending completion of the recovery plan											
Prevent Overfishing	a.	continue to participate in the development of "lumping and splitting" criteria	committee recommendations in December 04											
	b.	consider new harvest strategies for rockfish	discussion paper initiated											
	C.	set TAC at or < ABC	proposed in conjunction with FMP revision amendments (83/75)											
Ecosystem	a.	revisit calculation of OY caps												
Management	b.	recommend to NOAA Fisheries and participate in the development and implementation of ecosystem indicators as part of stock assessment process	development ongoing; ecosystem SAFE chapter to be presented each June; NPRB considering funding a workshop to address									_	•	
Improve Data Quality	a.	expand or modify observer coverage and sampling												
and Management		methods based on scientific data and compliance needs	analysis ongoing											
	b.	develop programs for economic data collection that aggregate data	partially addressed through GOA rationalization											
	C.	modify VMS to incorporate new technology and system providers												