

## **Proposed priority research topics from the SSC prepared from May 1-5<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting**

1. FISHERIES LANDING DATA Improve Fisheries Landing Data based on Port Landings Studies.  
Develop statistics-based methods
2. EFFORT ESTIMATION Develop alternate methods for estimating efforts
3. PREPARE FOR (h)(2) FLEXIBILITIES Simulations to test alternate ACLs for (h) (2) flexibility
4. PREPARE FOR (h)(2) FLEXIBILITIES Collect life history information
5. SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA FOR MANAGEMENT Periodic systematic collection of data to provide a baseline and comparative basis for social impact assessments
6. EBFM (ASSESSING REGULATORY IMPACTS) Evaluate effectiveness and impacts of closed areas
7. Expand fishery independent monitoring and surveys
8. Develop Species and Habitat Climate Vulnerability indices for the US Caribbean
9. EBFM reference points for use in the fisheries management decision support system in the US Caribbean
10. Continue participation in re-initiation of the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP).

The SSC Members gave the Top 10 priority list a ranking of high priority (#3).

