

2027 Projections Research Track

Terms of Reference (TORs)

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1. Evaluate the past performance (accuracy and bias) of stock assessment projections in the Northeast over short (1 - 4 year) and medium term (5 - 10 year) time spans.
2. Determine the most important sources of error in the projections (e.g., growth, maturity, historical catch, and selectivity).
3. Establish guidelines for projecting recruitment.
4. Examine methods for projecting biological rates (e.g., growth, maturity, and natural mortality).
5. Establish procedures for determining when to incorporate ecosystem drivers into projections.