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The Scientific Advisory Group will:

- develop a prioritised list of research needs / topics that the Board may consider directing resources towards to advance the understanding of the drivers of Atlantic salmon marine mortality. In support of this task, the SAG may consider the following sources of information during their deliberations:
  - current state of knowledge on the drivers of marine mortality;
  - the Board's [Inventory of Marine Research](#) and [Metadatabase of Salmon Survey Data and Sample Collections of Relevance to Mortality of Salmon at Sea](#);
  - 'Report of the Working Group to Review the SALSEA-Track Programme and the Inventory of Research Relating to Salmon Mortality in the Sea', [ICR\(20\)07](#), including the suggested attributes for a potential Board signature project;
  - 'Report of the Review of the Metadatabase of Salmon Survey Data and Sample Collections of Relevance to Mortality of Salmon at Sea', [ICR\(22\)03](#);
  - other relevant sources of information related to salmon marine mortality; and
  - consulting with a wider representation of researchers outside of the SAG, if appropriate.
- for each research need identified, provide a brief assessment of how the expected information gained could be applicable to the development of management options that could help mitigate the impact of marine mortality on stock productivity.

**Work Schedule**

The SAG will co-ordinate a single meeting or a series of meetings to conduct its work. The meeting(s) may be in-person or virtual as decided by the Chairs of the Board and SAG and in consultation with the Secretariat.

The report of the SAG and the list of prioritised research needs will be made available to the Board prior to its 2024 Annual Meeting. The Chair of the SAG will also provide an overview presentation of the work and conclusion for the Board during its 2024 Annual Meeting.