Process for Revisiting Research Topics

This draft is based on input from the AMPC workgroup of Kulla, Bugni, and Seeds. Note that whatever the AMPC decides about this process can easily be changed later.

It is recommended that a finalized version of this document be incorporated into the AMPC charter as an appendix, where it will continue to be available in a "one-stop shop" of AMPC processes as a reference for AMPC members (especially new members). Additionally, it is recommended that as the AMPC approves the first few research questions[1] and the subsequent research agenda[2], a similar brief explanation of those processes be developed and integrated into the AMPC charter.

<u>Posing and prioritizing research topics</u>

1. Posing research topics
   a. When framing research topics, people are strongly encouraged to link them with the Biological Goals and Objectives[3], and to specify the outcomes and concerns they wish to learn about. An AMPC member or member of the public may pose a research topic to the AMP Coordinator any time, who will subsequently communicate this topic to rest of the AMPC and record it for the AMPC's future consideration.
   b. The AMPC welcomes input from the Board of Forestry regarding posing new research topics and their associated prioritization.

2. The AMPC will prioritize research topics using this classification:
   a. Tier 1 – research topics which have had a research question developed and included in a research agenda per OAR 629-603-0200(5)(d).
   b. Tier 2 – research topics with research questions either under development/to be developed soon or submitted to the IRST for developing scoping proposals per OAR 629-603-0200(4).
   c. Tier 3 – research topics the AMPC deemed to be lower priority than Tier 1 and 2 and will revisit in the future.
   d. Parking lot – research topics that have been posed but that the AMPC has not yet prioritized.
   e. Completed – research topics that have passed through the entire AMP process outlined in OAR 629-603-0200, and are intended to not be revisited again.
   The finalized list of priorities will be available on the AMPC website.

3. Frequency for prioritizing research topics - The AMPC will reprioritize research topics at the AMPC meeting in October of odd years, starting in 2025. *(Note: this deadline will also be added to section VII of the charter)* However, the AMPC may decide *ad hoc* to reconsider priorities based on e.g., natural disasters, regulatory/legal issues, unforeseen circumstances, and emerging research.

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[1] Per OAR 629-603-0200(3)
[2] Per OAR 629-603-0200(5)
[3] Per OAR 629-603-0000(6)(c)

Commented [FT*O1]: Note: The BGOs in the draft HCP sent to the Board 12/2022 are fairly close to final form, but could still be modified a little.

Commented [FT*O2]: The intent is to have narrower research topics than "amphibians" without requiring a precise research question.

Commented [FT*O3]: Note: Rules are silent on this matter

Commented [FT*O4]: Looking at deadlines in AMPC charter, this made sense in terms of the Board deciding on research agendas Sept. of odd years, and then the AMPC cycle (research topic -> research question->research agenda) begins again

4. Process for prioritizing research topics
    a. To inform the AMPC discussion, ODF staff, in consultation with AMPC members, will develop background on the research topic, including items such as:
        i. a summary of previous discussion(s);
        ii. classification of existing priorities (tiers & parking lot mentioned above);
        iii. the current budget situation;
        iv. status of the current research agenda (e.g., timing, awarded contracts, RFPs in development, IRST work plans); and,
        v. other relevant information.
    b. The AMPC will discuss this information and prioritize the research topics through a substantial decision.

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