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Identifying Offshore Wind and Fisheries Research Gaps Using the FishFORWRD Database

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Emerging Knowledge and Application
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Leading Regional Research on Offshore Wind & Fisheries



SCIENTIFIC
COLLABORATIVE
OBJECTIVE
TRANSPARENT

Mission:

We **advance research, monitoring, and methods** on the effects of **offshore wind energy development on fisheries** across US waters.

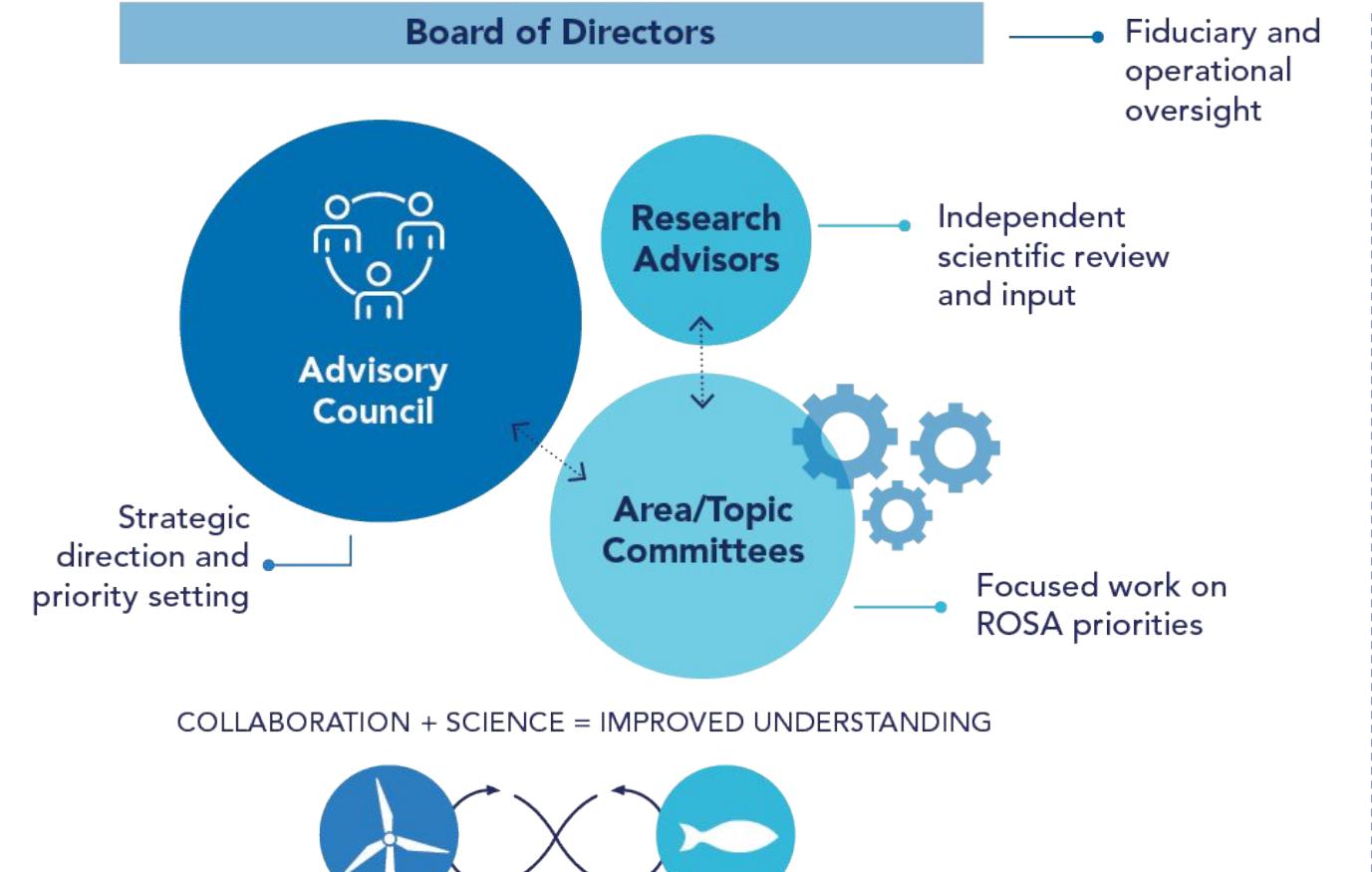
We serve as an objective resource for all sectors and facilitate the coordination of regional scientific research to collaboratively and efficiently deepen understanding.

Inception:

Formed in early 2019 as a 501(c)3

Partnership between RODA & OSW developers

ROSA's Organizational Structure



Strategic Plan – 3 Key Objectives



Administer Regional
OSW Fisheries
Research & Monitoring



Facilitate Assessment
of Regional &
Cumulative Impacts



Build Coordination
Through Engagement

FishFORWRD

**OSW Fisheries
Research Funder
Coordination**

Regional RFP Process

**Project Awarding &
Management**

FishFORWRD | Fish and Fisheries OffshoRe Wind Research Database

Objective

increase awareness of ongoing work

avoid duplication of efforts

create a common understanding of research needs

Contents

Research Projects

- Research projects funded by federal agencies, state agencies, non-profits, etc.
- Implemented Developer Fisheries Monitoring Plans

Research Needs

- Individual research needs from 17 different published documents by federal agencies, states agencies, and public-private partnerships

Research Gaps Analysis

Research Categories



Habitat Fragmentation/Modification



Socioeconomic & Sociocultural Impacts



Cumulative Impacts & Fisheries Mgmt



Sound/Vibration Impacts



Species Distribution/Composition



EMF



Fisheries Access & Gear Modification



Fisheries Engagement & Capacity Building



Survey Adaptation



Data Management



Resource Monitoring

Welcome to the FishFORWD Database

Developed in Partnership by **ROSA**, **Attentive Energy**, and **WSP**



FishFORWD | Fish and Fisheries OffshoRe Wind Database

- FishFORWD is a catalog of all East Coast **research, monitoring efforts**, and stated **research needs** for offshore wind, fish, and fisheries.
- Included are research and monitoring funded specifically to understand offshore wind potential effects on fish and fisheries.
- The **objective** of FishFORWD is to increase awareness of ongoing work, avoid duplication of efforts, and create a common understanding of research needs. This tool is meant for research funders, fisheries and offshore wind researchers, offshore wind developers, and the public.

How to use this Dashboard

- **Filter** projects and research needs by location, research category, methodology used, funder and more.
- **Download** database information to explore information outside of the webtool
- **Submit** new projects, new needs, and corrections

Explanation of Tabs

Total Project Count

221

Developer Monitoring Plan Surveys

82

Total Unique Research Categories

11

Active East Coast Funding Entities

33

Total Identified Needs

323

Types of Methodologies Employed

20

Current Projects Identified Research Needs Acronyms List Terms Definition References				
Download as CSV		Rsrch. Category Proj. Objectives		
Rsrch. Proj. Id	Proj. Title			
All	All	All	All	All
Ex-1	Benthic Monitoring During Wind Turbine Installation and Operation at the Block Island Wind Farm, Rhode Island	Habitat Fragmentation/Modification	to better understand anticipated and actual changes to the seafloor	Methodology
Ex-2	Evaluation of Potential EMF Effects on Fish Species of Commercial or Recreational Fishing Importance in Southern New England	EMF	To determine	Video/stills
Ex-3	Feel the Vibrations: Behavioral Response by Fishes and Invertebrates to Particle Motion and Substrate Vibration from Offshore Renewable Energy Development	Sound/Vibration Impacts	To establish a baseline of particle motion and substrate vibration that could potentially impact	Be Inv mi
Ex-4	A Comprehensive Assessment	Habitat	To compile ex	All

Developer Fisheries Monitoring Plan (Y/N)
Fixed or Floating
Wind Farm Development Phase
Spatial Scale
Location
Project Title
Lead Entity
Partner Entities
PI Name
Project Objectives
Methodology
Receptor
Project Start
Est. Project End
Funder
Funding Partners
Project Website

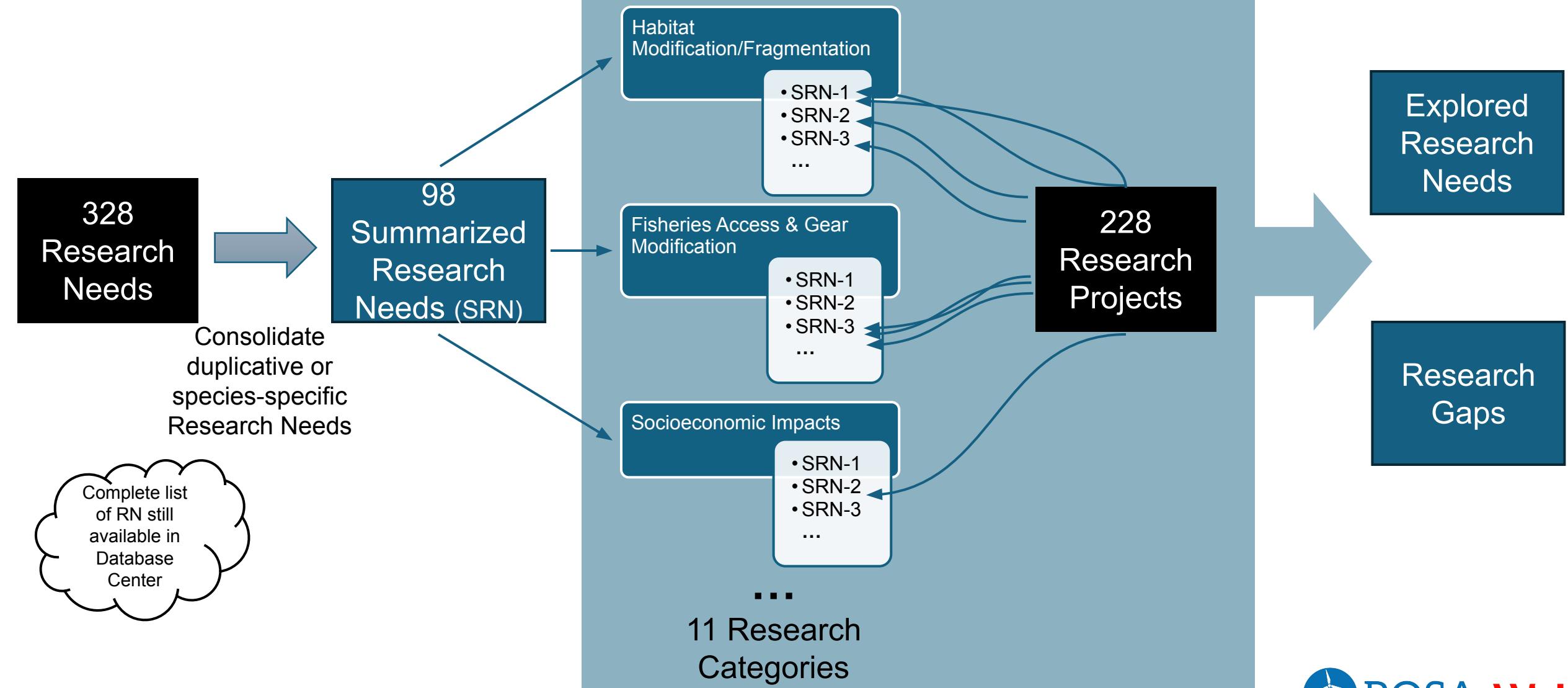
FishFORWRD: Phase 2

Research Gaps Analysis

What Research Needs are Under Exploration?
How? On Which Receptor? By Whom? Where?

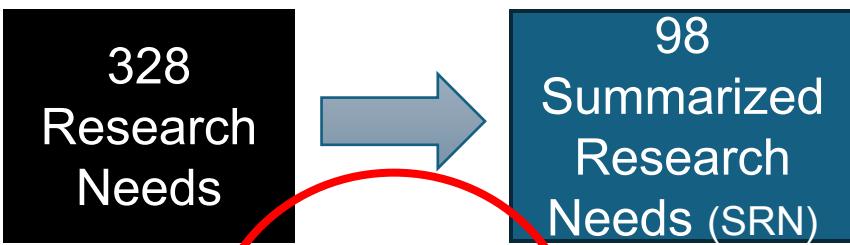
What Gaps Still Remain?

Research Gaps Analysis



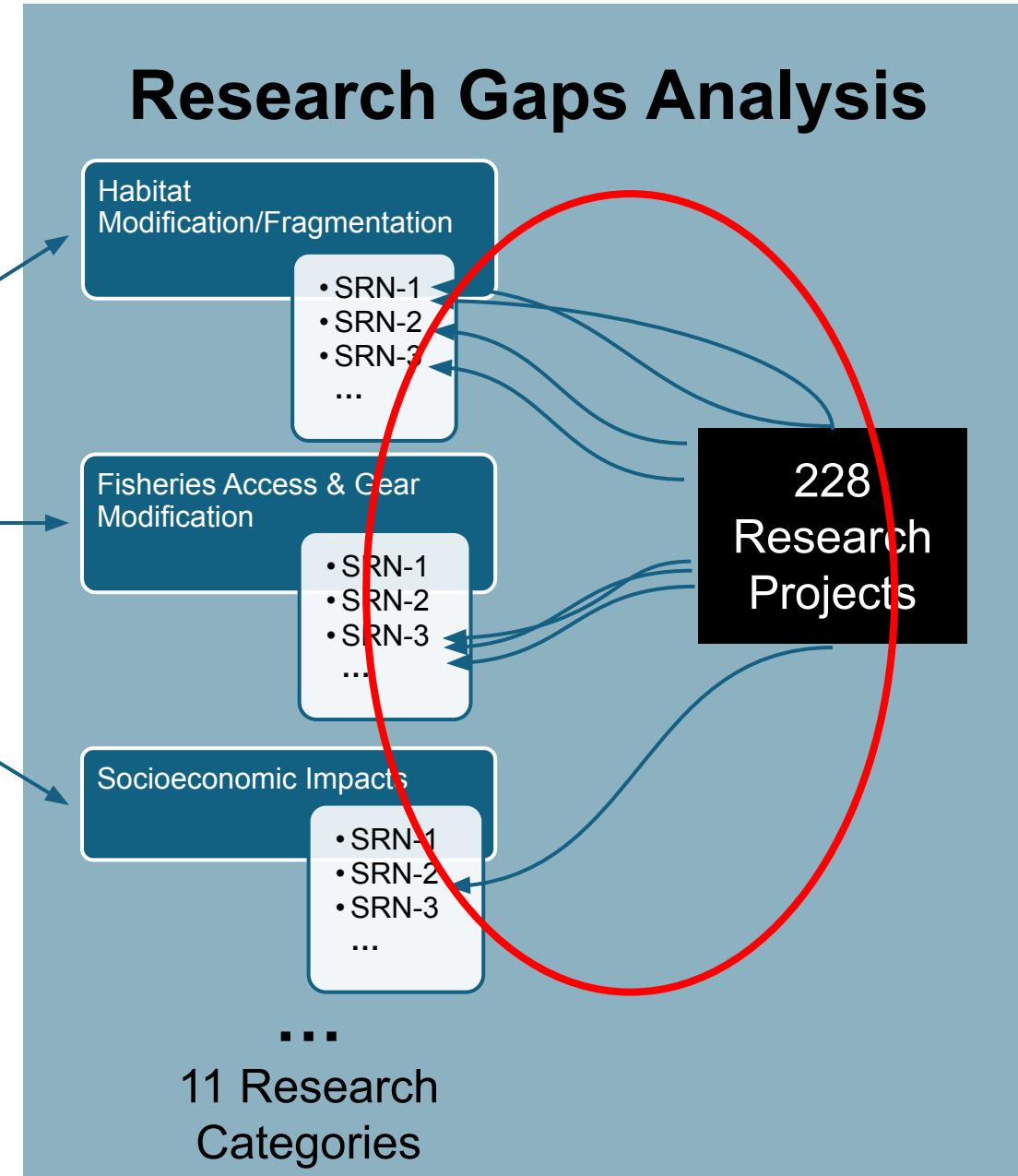
PEER REVIEW

Summer 2025



Consolidate
duplicative or
species-specific
Research Needs

Complete list
of RN still
available in
Database
Center



TEAM	Research Category
1	Cumulative Impacts & Fisheries Management
	Implications
	Data Management
2	EMF
	Sound/Vibration Impacts
3	Fisheries Engagement & Capacity Building
	Socioeconomic Impact
	Fishery Access & Gear Modification
4	Habitat Fragmentation/Modification
5	Species Distribution/Composition
6	Survey Adaptation

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teams

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peer reviewers

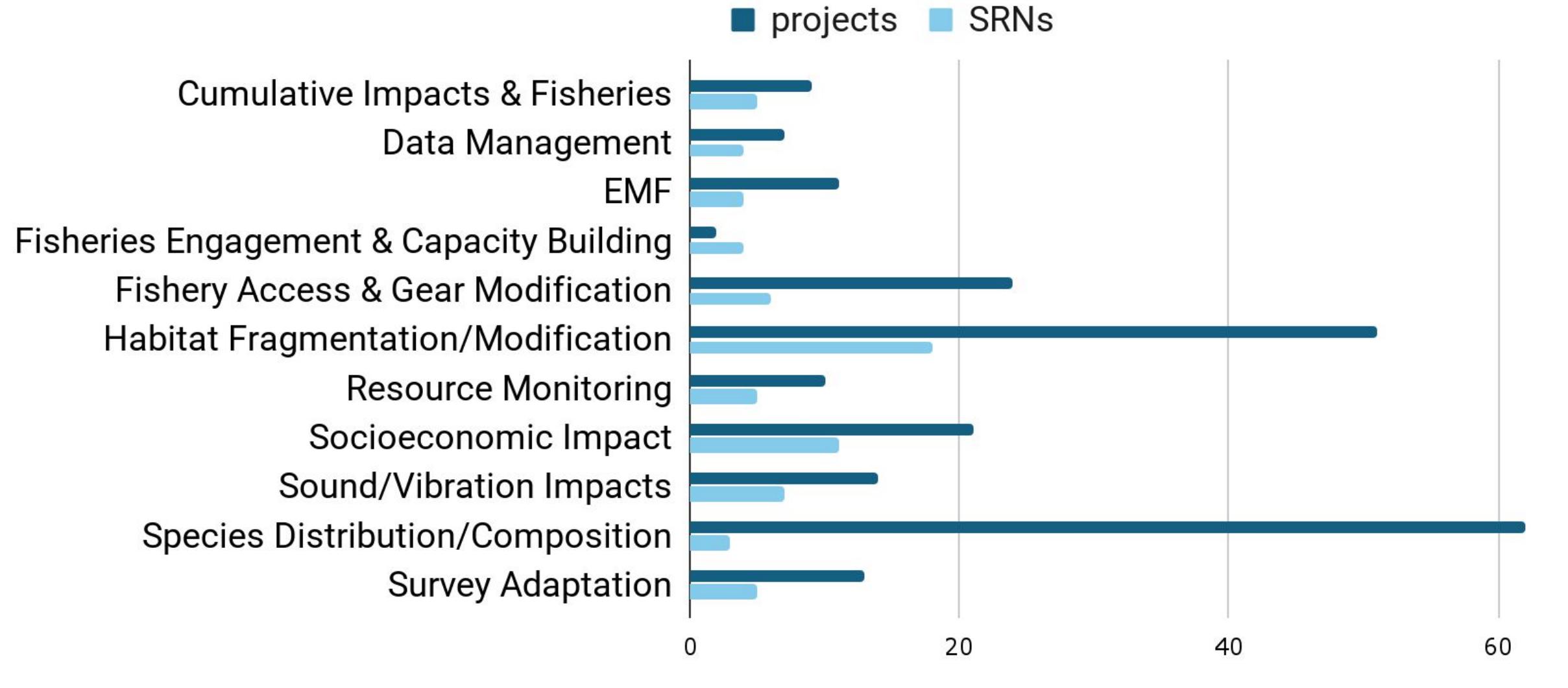
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meetings



Research Gaps Analysis

Preliminary Results



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summarized research
needs

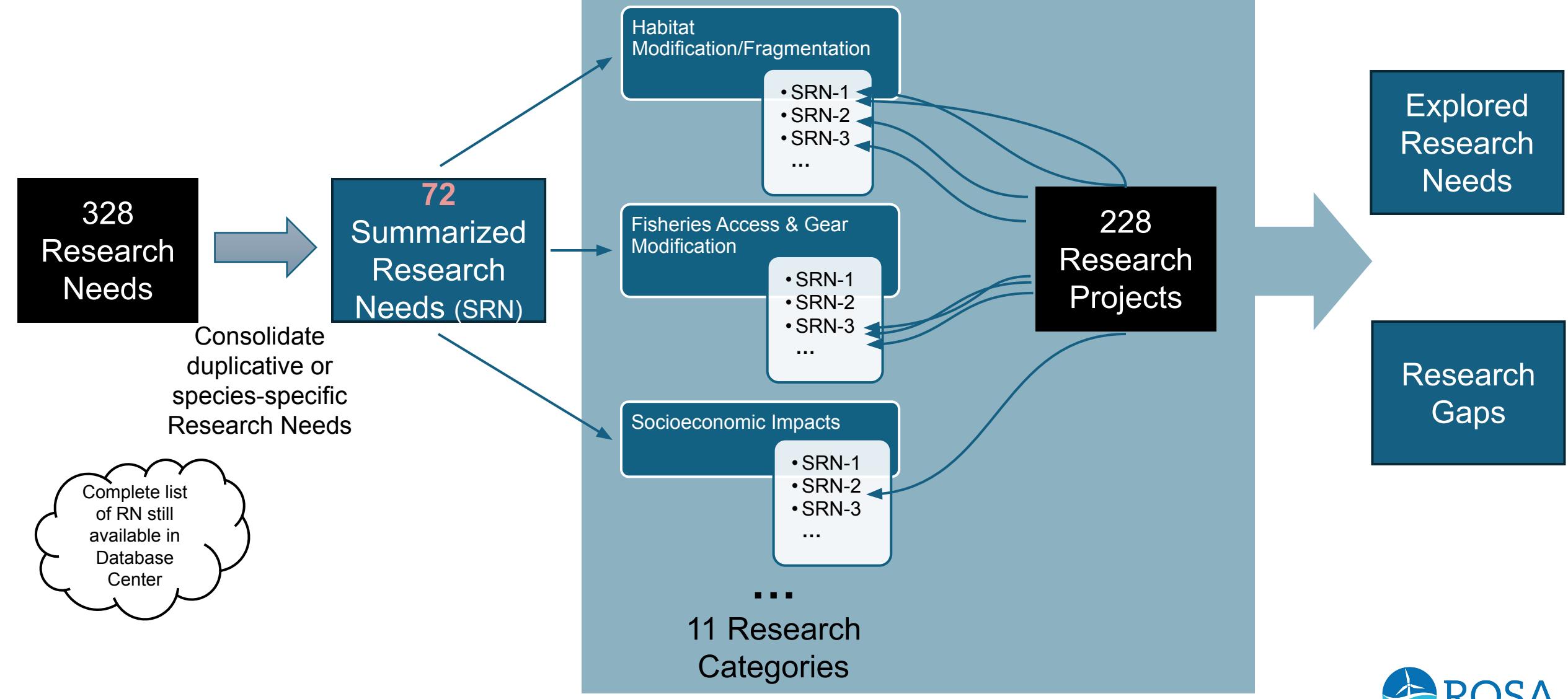
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new needs

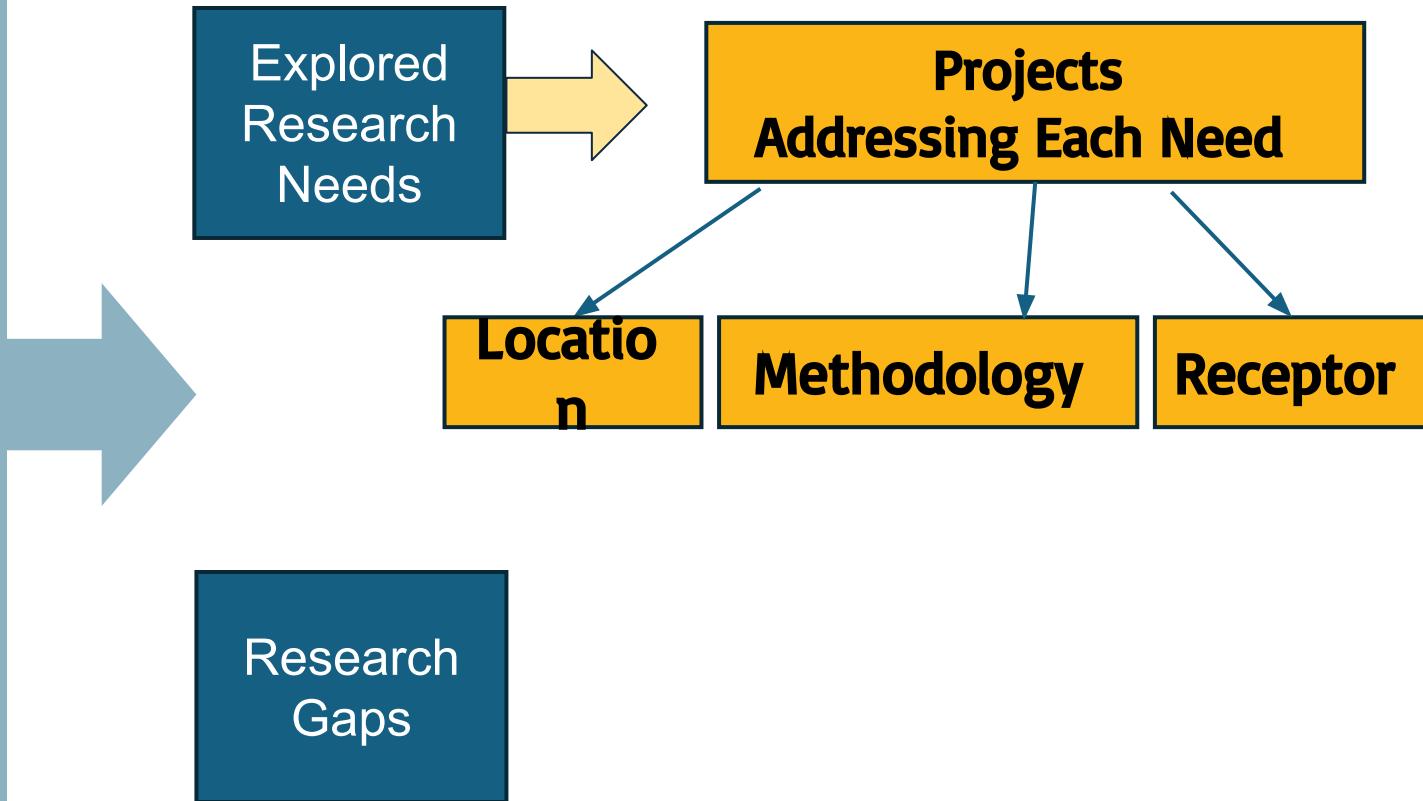
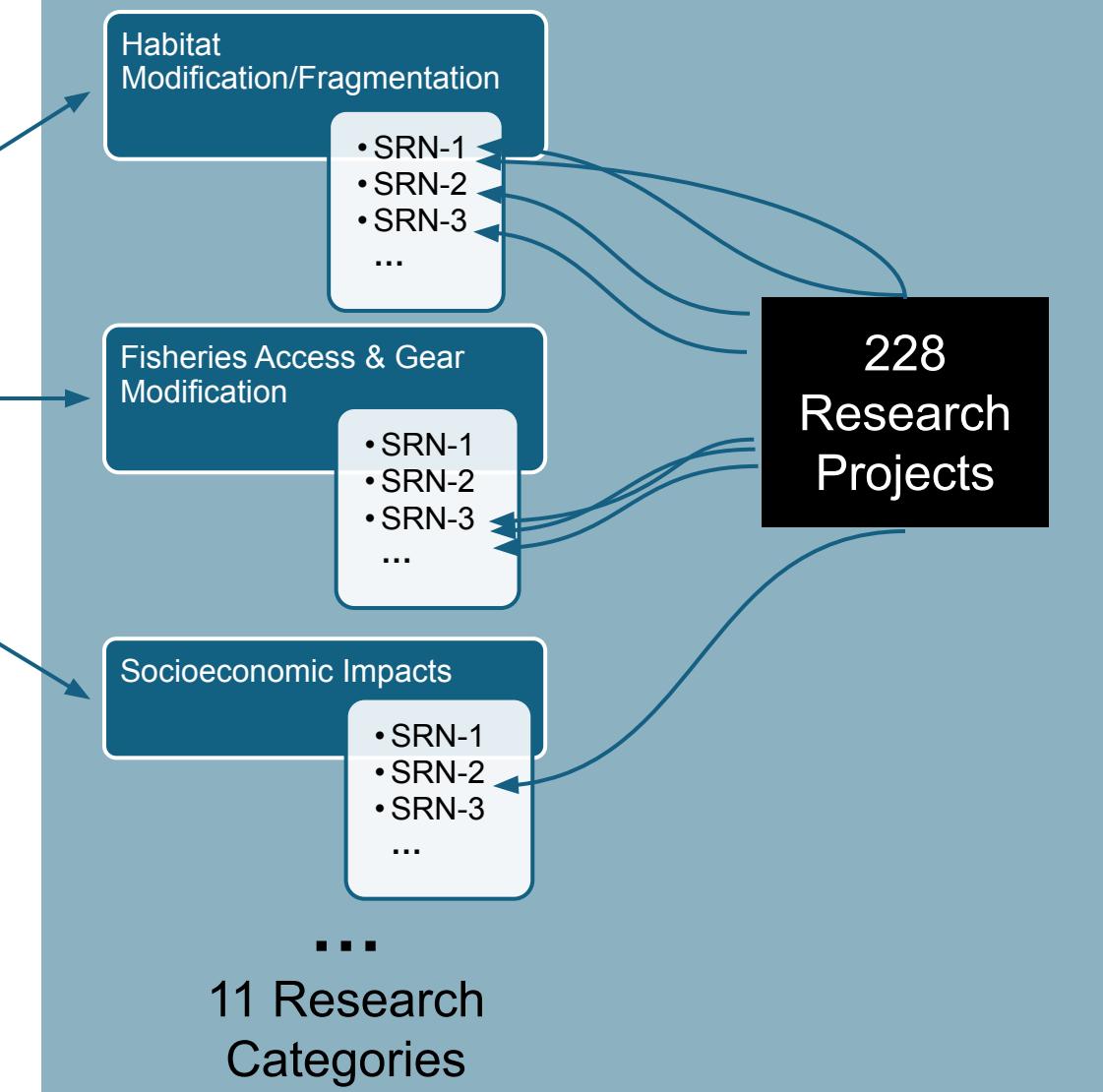
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research gaps

Research Gaps Analysis



Research Gaps Analysis



Research Needs to Move the Needle

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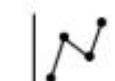
Fisheries Access & Gear Modification



Fisheries Engagement & Capacity Building



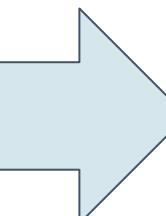
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Data Management



Resource Monitoring



Navigation & Safety

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-  Data Management
-  Resource Monitoring

Framework needed to bring consistency to be able to CIA framework or guidance to enable consistency across approaches and identification of appropriate methodologies to respond to specific CI questions across studies and assessments

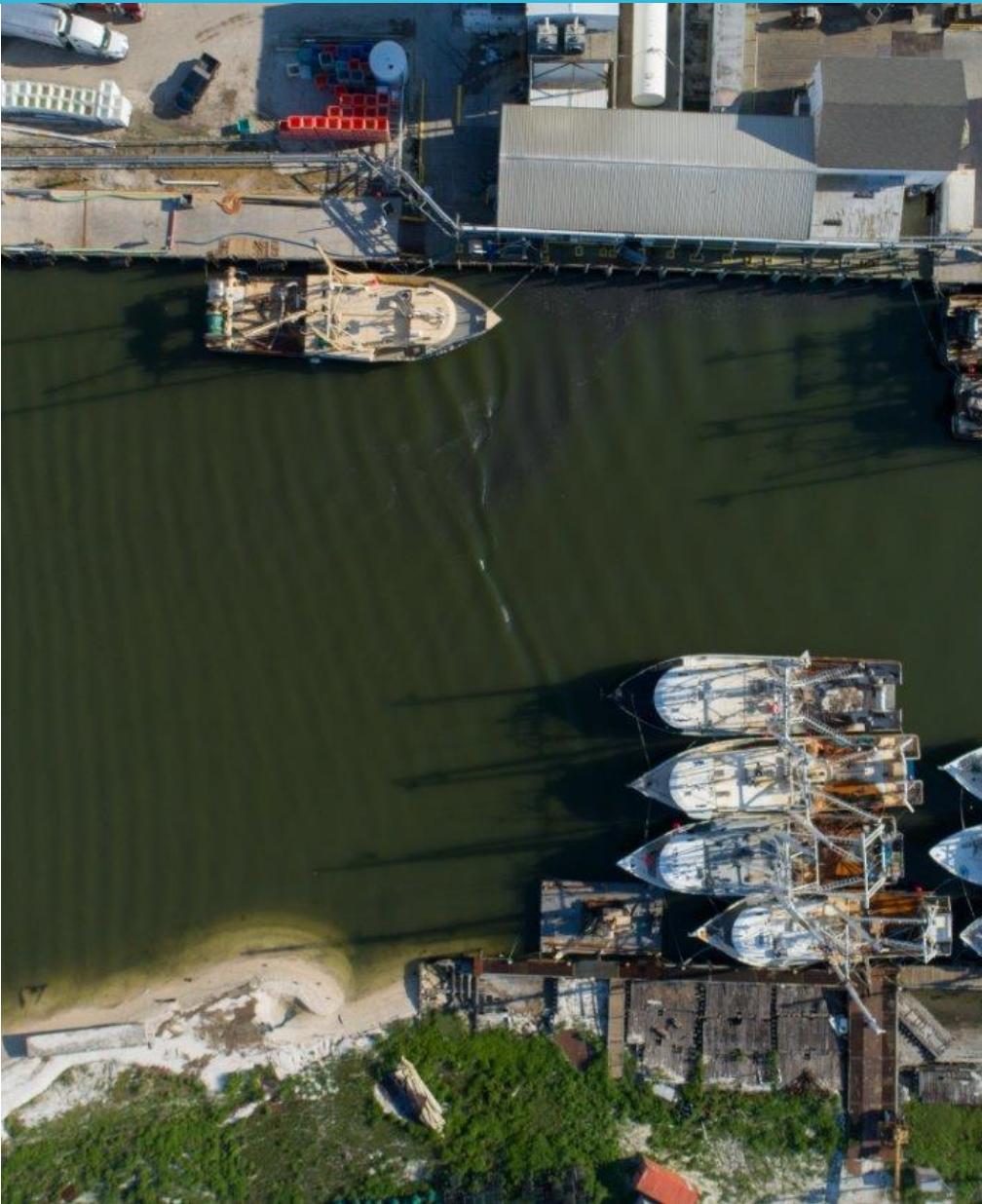
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**Wind energy
monitoring to fill
regional
scientific survey
data needs**

Research Gaps Analysis Results



Benefits

- Provide efficiency for funders
- Facilitate next generation of scientists and new research ideas
- Inform future developer Fisheries Monitoring Plans
- Use of research needs as starting point for effects of other ocean uses with fish and fisheries

Next Steps



Engagement of Results

- Final Report & Publication
- Funder Coordination
- Councils/Commissions & SSCs

Biannual FishFORWRD Updates

- Adding Gaps Analysis Tabs
- ~35 projects coming online in 2025

thank you for listening

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