GROUNDFISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON PROPOSED 2002 MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR 2002

Due to the lack of time available to deal with this complex issue, the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) was unable to have a group discussion on management proposals. Thus, the proposals that are included here consist of the submissions made by gear group / fishery subcommittees. Further, the GAP recognizes that - in order to meet the need for a range of proposals - these proposals in some cases represent the high and low ends of ranges, thereby providing the public an opportunity to comment so that the Council can refine their action at the next meeting.

LIMITED ENTRY TRAWL
Attached are proposed trip limits representing a range between the Council’s preferred optimum yield (OY) numbers and the Council’s high OY numbers.

LIMITED ENTRY FIXED GEAR
There was lack of consensus among members representing this gear group on what actions to take involving non-trawl sablefish. Listed below are options that have been put forth by GAP members representing the limited entry fixed gear fishery:

1. Maintain the current sablefish season (April to October)
2. Maintain the current sablefish season but require full retention during July, August, and September
3. Close the sablefish season in July and August
4. Close the sablefish season in July, August, and September

For species other than sablefish south of Mendocino, open and closed periods and areas would parallel recreational

OPEN ACCESS, NORTH OF MENDOCINO
Nearshore rockfish Option 1 (preferred):

1,000 lbs/month January 1 - April 30
2,000 lbs/month May 1 - September 30
1,000 lbs/month October 1 - December 31

Nearshore rockfish Option 2:

Season open May 1 - September 30, allowable catch of 2,500 - 3,500 lbs/month

Lingcod - 350 lbs/month May 1 - September 30
Shelf rockfish (plus yellowtail plus widow) - 100 lbs/month, no retention of canary, yelloweye
Slope rockfish - 500 lbs/ 2 months

The special fishery for Pacific City, OR would continue under appropriate catch limits

OPEN ACCESS SOUTH OF MENDOCINO AND SOUTH OF PT. CONCEPTION
Open and closed periods and areas would parallel recreational
WASHINGTON RECREATIONAL
The GAP endorses the range of options proposed by the WA Department of Fisheries and Wildlife

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL
The GAP endorses the range of options provided by the California Department of Fish and Game