

THE GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON THE COUNCIL THREE
MEETING OUTLOOK, DRAFT JUNE 2007 COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, AND
WORKLOAD PRIORITIES

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) discussed Council workload priorities and items considered for the June 2007 meeting. The GAP agrees with the items considered for the Council's June agenda, including the proposal by the California Department of Fish and Game to consider a plan for limiting entry in the directed open access fishery. The GAP feels that the implementation of Vessel Monitoring System will help define the open access fleet. While the GAP appreciates the State of California's intent to take the lead on this issue, the GAP recommends that industry stakeholders be involved with the process from the beginning.

The GAP also discussed a recommendation to consider changes to the ownership and control constraints imposed in the limited entry fixed gear sablefish fishery. The GAP believes this issue would best be analyzed and decided in the 2009-2010 biennial specifications and management measures process. Another issue brought to the GAP was to consider changing the length variance of five feet in limited entry permit length endorsements. A majority of the GAP believes this issue should also be considered in the 2009-2010 specifications process.

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