

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON MANAGEMENT
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2009-2010 GROUND FISH FISHERIES – PART I

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) discussed the range of optimum yield (OY) alternatives being recommended by the Groundfish Management Team (GMT). The GAP believes the range of alternatives is reasonable and sufficient for analysis with two exceptions. With regards to canary rockfish, the GAP recommends including an OY option of 327 mt. With regards to cowcod, the GAP recommends including an OY option of 7 mt. These two options are included in Table 2-3 from Agenda Item D.4.a, Attachment 3.

The GAP recommends the range of OY alternatives for overfished species needs to be adequately broad since status quo harvest specifications are not meeting the needs of fishing communities. All of the overfished species OYs in the proposed range result in rebuilding and the GAP believes that these OYs are legally defensible when considering the needs of fishing communities. The GAP is prepared to identify a preliminary preferred option including justifications for those recommendations during Agenda Item D.9, Management Recommendations for 2009-2010 Groundfish Fisheries – Part II.

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