

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
AMENDMENT 21: INTERSECTOR ALLOCATION

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) reviewed the suite of options being considered for analysis as well as the associated Groundfish Allocation Committee comments and recommendations.

The GAP recommends that all of the options contained in Attachment 1 should be forwarded for analysis with the modifications to Options 1, 2, & 3 recommended by the Groundfish Allocation Committee with regards to overfished species. The GAP believes this is a reasonable range of alternatives to fulfill analysis obligations under National Environmental Policy Act.

The GAP also recommends delaying long-term allocations of minor shelf rockfish until a later date. These species are currently available in negligible amounts to the trawl fishery and they can continue to be managed through the 2-year specifications process.

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