

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN
AMENDMENT 21: INTERSECTOR ALLOCATION

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) had a several-hour discussion about Amendment 21 and the intersector allocation process and got high-centered on several issues including the proposed Groundfish Allocation Committee (GAC) recommendations for trawl /non trawl allocations. The GAP has the following comments and recommendations.

The GAP is not currently prepared to recommend a preferred alternative for final action on Amendment 21 and thus recommends delaying final action. This was a unanimous decision. The GAP has not had enough time to digest all of the information presented in the 200-plus page Environmental Assessment (EA) that was released in the last week. The GAP also has concerns that the information in the EA has not been vetted through a more thorough public process prior to this week's Council action. We realize that the process has been ongoing for some time, but the actual EA has only been available for about a week.

The GAP is recommending an Environmental Impact Statement analysis in place of the current EA analysis. This was also a unanimous decision.

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