

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) reviewed the [Draft November 2016 Agenda, Item G.6, Attachment 2](#) and [Draft Year-at-a-Glance, Item G.6, Attachment 1](#), and offers the following comments.

Regarding the November 2016 agenda:

1. Keep the salmon bycatch consultation (H.6) on the agenda for November. This is currently in the “candidate agenda items” box, but is key to informing the process to create a year-round non-whiting midwater fishery.
2. Prioritize (unshade) the green light issue/mid-biennium annual catch limit (ACL) and rebuilding (H.8) to the November agenda. This is currently in the “candidate agenda items,” but the GAP has pushed for this issue for years and we’d like to see it move forward.
3. Remove the limited entry fixed gear sablefish process from the “candidate agenda items” on the draft November agenda. The GAP considered the data in [Informational Reports 5](#), and has agreed not to pursue this issue at this time. However, under this topic, two other limited entry fixed gear (LEFG) sablefish Omnibus items remain for the GAP to discuss in November. The GAP will decide in November whether these items should move forward for further discussion and scoping in April and September 2017. We recommend revising the April and September agenda titles to “LEFG sablefish process.”
4. Remove the non-whiting midwater and bottom trawl electronic monitoring Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) update to the agenda. This is currently on the “candidate agenda items” list but could be removed as it’s unlikely much new information will be available by November.
5. Swap the Council floor items on Friday, Nov. 18 (H.3, essential fish habitat [EFH]-Rockfish Conservation Area [RCA]) and Saturday, Nov. 19 (highly migratory species [HMS] issues J.1, J.2, J.3 and Groundfish issues H.4 (5-year catch share program review) and H.5, inseason)). This would enable some members of the GAP who want to stay for H.4, 5-year review, but are not interested in the H.3, EFH issue, to leave sooner, creating some savings on hotel rooms and per diem.

Regarding meetings beyond November 2016:

1. Add an inseason agenda item in March as a placeholder.
2. Prioritize halibut catch-sharing plan scoping on the agenda for June and September.
3. Prioritize coastwide midwater trawl non-whiting EFP scoping to the June agenda.
4. Prioritize lingcod/sablefish IFQ survival discard survival credits and multi-year catch level scoping on the June agenda.

5. Prioritize the quota pounds trading issue on the June agenda, pending Council action at this meeting and subsequent meetings.

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