

GROUNDFISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
GROUNDFISH SCIENCE WORKSHOPS AND METHODOLOGY REVIEWS

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received a report from Mr. John DeVore, Council staff, on recent groundfish science workshops and reviews of methodologies proposed for 2017 groundfish stock assessments and offers the following comments.

The GAP agrees with the conclusions in all the reports under this agenda item. The Scientific and Statistical Committee members, report authors, workshop participants, state staff members and Groundfish Management Team (GMT) members have made some excellent progress in the areas covered in these reports. The GAP sees potential for these results to refine the data used in stock assessments for more precise results.

In the future, GAP participation in at some of these workshops would be useful to offer practical insight into how fish behavior or fishing behavior may affect or be affected by some of these ideas if incorporated into stock assessments. Similarly, industry members could provide another level of contextual review for historical data reconstruction.

At this time, the GAP also agrees with the conclusions in the GMT statements about the best use of GMT members' time and that, for now, the discard mortality rates may be better left for June, to coincide with the 2019-2020 harvest specifications process, and the nearshore groundfish impact projection model work best left for consideration at a later date.

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