

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON STOCK ASSESSMENT
IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMMENTS

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received a report from Dr. Patrick Lynch about the Stock Assessment Improvement Plan and offers the following comments and suggestions.

The GAP supports the [Scientific and Statistical Committee supplemental report](#) under this agenda item regarding the value of social and economic data and analysis: “The role of social and economic data and analyses needs to be more clearly defined and examples of potential use provided, or else their inclusion in the plan should be reconsidered.”

Furthermore, the GAP also supports the incorporation of transboundary stock characteristics to species such as Pacific ocean perch and others that are important to West Coast fisheries. Recognizing that the main biomass of some of these stocks are in Canadian or Alaskan waters may assist stock assessment authors in providing assurances that allowing higher annual catch limits for these species may be warranted.

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