

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

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) considered several issues with regard to future workload planning and has the following comments:

- 1 **For June:** The GAP requests time be made on the June 2013 Council agenda for reconsideration of a Program Improvement and Enhancement (PIE) II issue.

Currently, the individual fishing quota (IFQ) regulations restrict the transfer of quota pounds (QP) beginning on Dec. 15 of each year. The Council took action last year to change that date to Dec. 31 of each year. The GAP would like the Council to reconsider this change and set the date when transfers would be restricted as two weeks – or some time yet to be determined – following the date on which the last observer data has been added into the system. This date would be early in the following year. This would allow the transfer of past year QP to cover any deficits that may occur in the last days of the calendar year or that may occur as a result of the addition of observer data early in the following year.

- 2 **For June:** Currently, the Oregon recreational midwater fishery issue is tentatively scheduled for the June agenda. The GAP would like to ensure this issue is on the final June agenda.
- 3 **Ongoing:** Given the interest so far in efforts to devise successful electronic monitoring (EM) systems, the GAP requests the Council make time on its June 2013 agenda and continue to consider updates during subsequent meeting agendas to work on this important issue.
- 4 **For September:** The GAP recommends putting barotrauma on the September agenda to evaluate the states' implementation plans so this can be refined before the RecFIN technical committee meets in October. This will allow for quicker implementation of mortality rates associated with descending devices in recreational fisheries.