

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON CALIFORNIA CURRENT  
ECOSYSTEM REPORT INCLUDING INTEGRATED ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT

Dr. Chris Harvey, Dr. Phil Levin, and Dr. Brian Wells briefed the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) on the California Current Ecosystem Report and Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (IEA). Dr. Harvey summarized the state of information, and the GAP was pleased to see that most indicators pointed to generally positive ocean conditions. In some categories, the GAP had questions about information that seemed dated or where conditions had recently changed. The GAP understands that the IEA seeks to use the most current information available but in some cases that information may be several years old.

Dr. Levin's presentation highlighted the importance of considering the human dimension as part of the ecosystem assessment. The GAP endorses that approach and welcomes the opportunity to provide information to Dr. Levin and the IEA to assist with making that portion of the assessment more comprehensive and meaningful.

The GAP appreciates receiving periodic reports about development of the IEA and the opportunity to provide input in the IEA development process.

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