

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON CALIFORNIA CURRENT
ECOSYSTEM REPORT INCLUDING INTEGRATED ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) attended a joint presentation with the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) by the Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (IEA) Team on the materials presented under this agenda item. The GMT appreciated the presentation and report as a means of introducing broader ecosystem factors and longer-term trends into the discussion. Our impression is that there is interest on both sides for more engagement with the IEA Team and the Council advisory bodies; however, once a year engagement may not be enough. More frequent opportunity to exchange ideas would benefit progress toward using ecosystem information to aid fisheries management discussions. As we have said in the past, we continue to see benefits to integrating the efforts of the IEA Team in National Environmental Policy Act analyses conducted under the Groundfish Fisheries Management Plan.

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