

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

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) was briefed by Mr. Brett Wiedoff on future council meeting agenda and workload planning. The GAP offers the following comments and recommendations.

The GAP finds it incredibly hard to comment in a meaningful way on future workload planning without having a better understanding of what resources will be available and what can realistically be done. We understand that National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will be undertaking an assessment of its workload capacity and providing a report to the Council and advisory bodies. We strongly recommend that the report be made available in the September briefing book so that we have time to digest it in advance of the omnibus item on the September agenda.

The GAP would like to see the Council take final action on the electronic monitoring (EM) regulatory package in September. If that does not occur, it is the understanding of the GAP that due to Council workload, the timeline for implementation in 2016 could slip significantly.

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