

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON  
FUTURE WORKLOAD PLANNING

Draft Northwest Region Saltwater Recreational Fishing Action Agenda for the period Covering  
October 2013- December 2015

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) is impressed with the goals and objectives of the Draft Northwest Region Saltwater Recreational Fishing Action Agenda. We are very supportive of this revised draft, which is an improvement over earlier versions.

One example of this is .....Goal 1 Improved Recreational Fishing Opportunities:

“Reduce barotrauma related mortality of recreationally caught rockfish”...“this will include the production and distribution of educational materials as well as the free distribution of descending devices.”

The GAP supports this kind of approach and encourages National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to further pursue these goals. We also request the National Marine Fisheries Service Southwest Region to provide their plan to the Council for review.

Sablefish Ownership and Control Restrictions

The GAP would like to thank the Council members for helping schedule the issue of examining the ownership and control restrictions relative to the sablefish tiered program. Currently, this issue is scheduled for the September Council meeting.

Several sablefish-endorsed permit owners remain very interested in resolving their concerns on this issue, and the GAP requests the Council keep this issue on the September 2013 meeting agenda.

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