

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
PACIFIC HALIBUT BYCATCH ESTIMATE

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) heard a presentation from Dr. Jason Jannot (NWFSC) on Pacific Halibut Bycatch in the West Coast U.S. groundfish fisheries. There were a number of questions from GAP members on how some of the numbers came about. There was also a concern from some members of the GAP that the trawl IBQ set-aside might suffer from a use-it or lose-it scenario. The GAP discussed this matter at length, but acknowledged that the trawl set-aside is scheduled for a reduction in 2015, which minimizes this being an issue in the future.

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