GROUNDFISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
GROUNDFISH AMENDMENT 16-5 AND 2012 HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS AND
MANAGEMENT MEASURES

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received a presentation from Mr. John DeVore on Groundfish Amendment 16-5 and 2012 harvest specifications and management measures. The GAP understands the risk of delaying implementation of Amendment 16-5 and 2012 regulations under any scenario where the Council takes action under this agenda item. The GAP maintains the original Council-preferred alternative for Amendment 16-5 better meets the needs of west coast fishing communities for all the reasons that have been provided in the past and elaborated in the April 5 Council staff letter to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) (attachment 2) and therefore, prefers that alternative. However, since NMFS has already disapproved that alternative and will not likely approve it now, the GAP recommends the Council take No Action on Amendment 16-5 and that a Secretarial amendment process be followed to adopt the amendment to increase the likelihood of January 1 start date.

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