

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON REGULATORY DEEMING FOR
FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT 20-TRAWL RATIONALIZATION AND
AMENDMENT 21-INTERSECTOR ALLOCATION, AND PLANNING FOR COMMUNITY
FISHERY ASSOCIATIONS

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) would like to thank Ms. Jamie Goen and Dr. Todd Lee for their presentations on Agenda Item E.6. Our schedule did not allow for detailed discussion of the issues before the Council. However, with respect to Dr. Lee's presentation on Agenda Item E.6, NMFS Report 5, the team would like to again underscore the importance and express our support for the mandatory economic data collection program. With Amendment 20, the Council is hoping to improve economic conditions in the groundfish trawl fisheries and to minimize and possibly address any adverse impacts on fishing communities. Better economic monitoring will deepen the Council's understanding of how well its economic objectives are being met, as well as the where and why of any adverse impacts that may occur. Among other things, this deeper understanding will help inform the Council's design and implementation of the adaptive management program, consideration of community fishing associations, and any other potential modifications the Council may wish to make in the future to improve social or economic conditions in the fishery.

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