

GROUND FISH ADVISORY PANEL REPORT ON OMNIBUS REGULATION
CHANGES PART II

After contemplating Council action under agenda item F.3, the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) has the following comments regarding consideration of Omnibus Regulations Changes Part II.

The GAP supports the Council motion that established a list of activities/actions that will be considered and prioritized in September.

During Council deliberation, the GAP was requested to provide clarification about GAP recommendation #7 from the Agenda Item F.3.b, Supplemental GAP Report: “Exploration of flexible regulations that allow the transfer of overfished species between sectors to prevent stranding target fish.” The GAP request is specific to the within trawl use of choke species and is not intended to include discussion or promote changes to any of the existing allocations. The goal of this suggestion is to begin the conversation about how choke species can be better utilized and/or shared within the trawl sectors to ensure attainments of optimum yield for all target species. At this time, the GAP has no suggestions for the mechanics of how this could function, but believes it is a topic that warrants discussion and analysis.

PFMC
06/22/14