

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
INITIAL CONSIDERATION OF BLACKGILL ROCKFISH REALLOCATION

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) met with Mr. Bob Leos and Mr. John DeVore to discuss initial blackgill rockfish reallocation consideration. Mr. Leos led the discussion focusing on the options contained in Attachment 1 (Agenda Item J.3.a, Attachment 1) for potentially correcting the allocation of blackgill rockfish south of 40°10' N latitude based on actual catch history and subsequently reallocating the southern Slope Rockfish complex. The GAP offers the following recommendations and comments on this initial consideration of blackgill rockfish reallocation.

After listening to the discussion of the options, the GAP agrees that analysis of allocation issues for blackgill rockfish and the remaining species in the southern Slope Rockfish complex should move forward on an expedited basis, with a goal to decide a final preferred alternative by the November 2015 Council meeting. This will allow potential implementation of new sector allocations by the start of 2017 without making the analysis of 2017-2018 specifications and management measures overly complex.

PFMC
11/17/14