

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
METHODOLOGY REVIEW PROCESS COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURE

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received a presentation from Council staff on the proposed new COP 25 governing methodology review processes. While the GAP supports the proposed COP in general, it has a concern with one aspect.

The GAP notes that the Terms Of Reference For The Methodology Review Process For Groundfish And Coastal Pelagic Species adopted by the Council provide a specific role for the GAP in methodology reviews, similar to the role played by the GAP in STAR Panels. The Council Operating Procedures (COP) makes no mention of the GAP's role and implies that the GAP is not involved in reviews. We believe the proposed COP should be amended to reflect the appropriate role of the GAP. While the GAP might not be involved in every review, the option provided for an appropriate level of GAP participation that is contained in the Terms of Reference should be recognized.

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