

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL COMMENTS ON
MARINE RESERVES

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received a progress report from the Ad-Hoc Marine Reserve Committee. The GAP has the following comments:

1. Typo: Change the name of the primary objective 1.a. from "overfishing" to "rebuilding stocks."
2. The GAP reiterates its concern that stakeholders need to be involved on this process both now and during implementation.
3. Some GAP members feel there are other management options to achieve the stated objectives with less impact on people. All members agree we need to scientifically evaluate whether or not marine reserves are effective at meeting these objectives, and the evaluation should include data from existing no-fishing areas.
4. The GAP feels it is premature to choose either at this point. It was difficult to evaluate either without more specific information on purpose and duration.

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