

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL COMMENTS ON
OBSERVER PROGRAM

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) reviewed the report of the Ad-Hoc Observer Program Implementation Committee. There was consensus that, (1) the current discard estimates are based on poor and outdated information, and we need better estimates of discard mortality rates; (2) the budget under consideration is insufficient to cover all commercial and recreational groundfish activity.

There was not, however, consensus on the best approach on how to use the proposed budget money to improve the situation. The GAP could not reach agreement on support for either of the two alternatives that were presented in the report.

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