

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
PLAN AMENDMENT TO ADDRESS BYCATCH AND MANAGEMENT MEASURE ISSUES -
REVIEW FIRST DRAFT

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) reviewed the draft environmental assessment for *Amendment 13 to the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan* and offers the following comments:

- Issue 1 - Definition of Bycatch
The GAP supports Alternative 1 (status quo).
- Issue 2 - Standardized Reporting Methodologies
The GAP supports Alternative 3, but believes it should be expanded to allow the Council to make use of future new technologies and techniques that might be appropriate.
- Issue 3 - Bycatch Reduction
The GAP supports Alternative 4, but believes it should be expanded to include appropriately monitored landing of trip limit overages, a proposal strongly supported by the GAP on several previous occasions.
- Issue 4 - Management Measures Frameworking
The GAP supports Alternative 3, because it provides the greatest flexibility to the Council while allowing for greater public participation.
- Issue 5 - Housekeeping Measures
The GAP supports Alternative 2.

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