

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON  
CANARY ROCKFISH ALLOCATION AND INSEASON ADJUSTMENT IN THE PINK SHRIMP  
AND OTHER FISHERIES

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) met jointly with the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) to discuss canary rockfish catches in the pink shrimp fishery.

The GMT pointed out that, since full mortality of canary rockfish needs to be accounted for, allocation among open access gears will not solve potential problems; because it will simply convert landings to discards.

The GAP agrees and notes further, no data yet exists on the extent of canary rockfish incidental catch, because the shrimp fishery has just opened.

Because the shrimp fishery is regulated by the states, rather than the Council, the GAP recommends the states take necessary and appropriate steps to address any incidental catch problems that may occur. In this regard, the GAP suggests the states develop a tri-state approach, similar to the successful effort that has been made in Dungeness crab management. No particular management measures were recommended by the GAP.

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