

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL COMMENTS ON
SUMMARY OF THE 1999 LIMITED-ENTRY, FIXED-GEAR PRIMARY FISHERY FOR SABLEFISH,
AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2000 SEASON

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received information from the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) regarding proposals for cumulative limits for the 2000 sablefish derby fishery.

The GAP recommends the Council release for public comment the GMT options with the "92/80/60" option identified as preferred. The GAP believes this option provides a higher overhead for a mop-up fishery.

The GAP favors August 6, 2000 as the opening date for the derby fishery. This date provides the best advantages due to tide, weather, and the timing of a September mop-up fishery.

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