

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
PROCESS FOR TECHNICAL REVIEW AND MONITORING OF REBUILDING PLANS

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) had a discussion with Ms. Cyreis Schmitt concerning the various approaches that could be used to review rebuilding plans and methods to monitor the rebuilding of concerned stocks.

The GAP had numerous questions about how a review of rebuilding will occur every two years when new assessments will likely only occur once every three years.

The GAP was also concerned for many of the species for which there are, or will be, rebuilding plans, the reduced catch or other regulations have eliminated or modified the data that has been used in the past for stock assessments. New survey or other data collection programs will need to be initiated soon to accumulate the necessary time series of information to measure change in these stocks.

The GAP supports the use of a Stock Assessment Review Panel approach for the review of rebuilding plans and further recommends one such panel conduct the review of all rebuilding plans on an annual basis. We feel the intense review that is required for these plans is so similar to the review of stock assessments that other Council committees (the Groundfish Management Team and Scientific and Statistical Committee) could not devote the time for a thorough review.

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