

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
STOCK ASSESSMENT PRIORITIES FOR 2001

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) reviewed the list of stocks proposed to be assessed in 2001 and agrees with the choices made. However, the GAP has the following additional comments:

1. Although convening a Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel for three assessments is difficult, NMFS should take this step with the Dover, sablefish, and shortspine thornyhead assessments. These species are caught in conjunction with each other and reviewing the assessments as a group makes more sense.
2. STAR Panel meetings should be held in locations where sufficient computer and administrative support is available, including telephones, printers, and copying machines.

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