

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
PLAN AMENDMENT TO ADDRESS BYCATCH AND MANAGEMENT MEASURE ISSUES

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received a briefing on the proposed amendment to the Pacific groundfish fishery management plan to address bycatch.

The GAP supports the alternatives identified as "preferred" for bycatch definitions, standardized reporting methodologies, bycatch reduction provisions, and annual management framework provisions.

For removal of limited entry permit endorsements (identified as a housekeeping measure), the GAP recommends the Council adopt alternative number 2.

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