

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON  
AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT MANAGEMENT MEASURES

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received an update on analysis of the American Fisheries Act (AFA). From the initial Council staff presentation, it was clear there was confusion in interpreting the GAP's recommendation from the April Council meeting.

As clarification, it was the intent of the GAP there be three separate qualification criteria for vessels. These criteria are specific to each sector and qualify the vessel only for that sector. They were not meant to cross qualify a vessel from one sector into all sectors.

The GAP recommends Council staff complete the draft amendment, so we can provide constructive comments on a final draft.

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