

STATEMENT OF THE GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL ON  
CHANGES TO ADVISORY BODIES

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) discussed changes in the Council's Operating Procedures relating to the GAP and makes the following recommendations:

1. The GAP agrees with the recommendation that GAP terms be extended to three years, beginning January 2001. The GAP views this as a cost saving measure.
2. The GAP recommends the number of meetings which a GAP member can miss should be limited to two per year. Missing two meetings will be cause for dismissal.
3. The GAP recommends a member be allowed to be replaced with an alternate once each year upon prior notification of the Council Chair, and the alternate be compensated for his/her expenses.
4. The Council should make clear to applicants for advisory bodies what their responsibilities are including the number of meetings they will be required to attend.

The majority of the GAP discussed GAP composition and recommends no changes be made at this time. A minority requested greater representation from the open access sector.

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