

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
GROUND FISH FULL RETENTION MEASURES

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received a report from Mr. Brian Culver on behalf of the Ad Hoc Full Retention Committee, detailing the results and recommendations of the committee's first meeting.

The GAP agrees with the ad hoc committee recommendation that full retention continue to be given a priority in Council workload. The GAP also echoes the committee's observation that it is premature to develop full retention measures immediately, but rather that the Council should wait until after the results of the ongoing exempted fishing permits which involve full-retention measures are available. This will give the Council better guidance on how to structure a pilot full retention program.

The GAP continues to endorse the concept of full retention and recommends the ad hoc committee continue its work.

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