

## FULL RETENTION MEASURES

Situation: In April, the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) presented a discussion paper to the Council and suggested development of a program to retain all shelf and slope rockfish. The GMT is concerned discard of canary rockfish and other overfished stocks may make it impossible to tell if rebuilding harvest levels are being achieved. After hearing the GMT statement, the Council directed the GMT to pursue development of management measure options for mandatory retention for at least some element of the commercial fishery. The Council gave further direction on this issue in June when it formed the Ad Hoc Full Retention Committee with representation from the GMT, Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, and Enforcement Consultants. The committee was tasked to develop a consensus recommendation on full retention measures to bring to the Council. A meeting of the Ad Hoc Full Retention Committee was held on August 6, 2001 at the Council office in Portland. The summary minutes of that meeting are available for Council review (Exhibit C.11, Attachment 1). Mr. Brian Culver will present the committee's findings and conclusions.

**Council Task: Provide guidance for developing full retention measures.**

Reference Materials:

1. Exhibit C.11, Attachment 1, Summary Minutes of the August 6, 2001 Ad Hoc Full Retention Committee meeting.

Groundfish Fishery Strategic Plan (GFSP) Consistency Analysis

The GFSP calls for bycatch reduction and enumeration, individual and sector accountability for bycatch and other impacts, and, whenever possible, establishment of incentives for fishers to operate in ways that are consistent with management goals and objectives. The GFSP envisions adoption of regulations that are more easily enforced and data collection for accurate assessment of the effects of management on groundfish stocks and fishery participants. The GFSP anticipates a full retention strategy may be considered when an effective observer program has been established.

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