

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON  
EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received reports from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the California Department of Fish and Game regarding progress made on exempted fishing permit fisheries.

While Washington has progressed further in its program using observers to record discards in specific trawl fisheries, both states have made substantial efforts to get their programs up and running. Given the need for more precise and accurate data, especially involving harvesting one species while avoiding another, the GAP is pleased with the progress made and encourages other entities to adopt similar experimental programs.

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