

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
STATUS OF FISHERIES AND INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) discussed with the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) an inseason adjustment that would provide a small incidental catch of Dover sole in December for the flatfish fishery.

Under action taken in September, the directed fishery for Dover sole was closed beginning October 1st in order to avoid exceeding the target optimum yield of sablefish and shortspine thornyhead. However, there is still a considerable amount of Dover sole available for harvest. Rather than having the Dover sole be discarded in the winter flatfish fishery, the GAP and GMT agreed that an incidental catch of 1,000 pounds of Dover sole be allowed in December.

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