

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
REBUILDING PLANS

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) briefly discussed guidance to be given for the completion of rebuilding plans. The GAP believes the following comments, which were provided to the Council in September, need to be considered.

First, rebuilding plans need to contain complete social and economic data, including data on the economic impact of the plan alternatives on coastal communities, along with the environmental and biological data already scheduled to be included.

Second, rebuilding plans must be flexible enough to accommodate new information as it becomes available. The Council should not lock itself into a rebuilding strategy such as a constant catch plan that later analysis demonstrates won't work.

Third, a clear strategy for monitoring the progress of rebuilding and responding to that monitoring must be developed.

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