

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON  
EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) was provided data on the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife exempted fishing permit fishery that occurred this year and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife exempted fishing permit for the Pacific whiting fishery. Both permits will be submitted to the Council for continuation in 2002.

The GAP agreed that both permits have met their goals and have demonstrated ways in which a successful fishery can be prosecuted in a manner that provides economic benefits while promoting conservation. The GAP recommends the permits be continued in 2002 and other innovative permit requests be considered.

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