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

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) met with the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and recommends the following inseason adjustments to the groundfish fishery:

LIMITED ENTRY TRAWL

Agree w/ GMT Statement #15

North of 40 degrees, 10 minutes:

Beginning November 1, 2002, for vessels that during the period land fish ONLY with small footrope trawl gear, the following limits apply:

Dover sole	12,000 lbs / 2 month period
Sablefish	2,600 lbs / 2 month period
Longspine thornyhead	6,000 lbs / 2 month period
Shortspine thornyhead	2,200 lbs / 2 month period

Beginning November 1, 2002, for vessels that during the period land fish ONLY with large footrope or midwater trawl gear, the following limits apply:

Dover sole	14,000 lbs / 2 month period
Sablefish	2,600 lbs / 2 month period
Longspine thornyhead	8,000 lbs / 2 month period
Shortspine thornyhead	2,200 lbs / 2 month period

For vessels using any trawl gear, beginning November 1, 2002:

Slope rockfish	1,800 lbs / 2 month period
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For vessels using midwater gear only, the GMT has presented 2 options for cumulative limits on widow rockfish and yellowtail rockfish. The preferred option for the GAP is to allow a coastwide fishery for widow rockfish and a northern fishery for yellowtail. However, the GAP recognizes the concern regarding bocaccio bycatch and defers to the Council on which option to choose, as long as one of them is chosen.

South of 40 degrees, 10 minutes

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Beginning November 1, 2002, the following limits apply:

Petrale sole	30,000 lbs / 2 month period
Rex sole	2,000 lbs / trip
Arrowtooth flounder & English sole	1,000 lbs / trip

South of 36 degrees:

Beginning October 1, 2002	
Slope rockfish	25,000 lbs / 2 mos

Beginning November 1, 2002	
Slope rockfish	40,000 lbs / 2 mos

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LIMITED ENTRY FIXED GEAR

*North of 40 degrees, 10 minutes*

Beginning October 1, 2002, the following limits apply:

Near shore rockfish                      7,000 pounds / 2 mos, with a sublimit of 3,000 lbs of species other than blue & black

*North of 36 degrees*

Beginning October 1, 2002:

Daily trip limit sablefish              300 lbs / day or 1 landing per week of up to 900 lbs, not to exceed 2,700 lbs / 2 mos

*South of 40 degrees, 10 minutes*

Beginning October 1, 2002, lingcod is closed

*South of 36 degrees:*

Beginning September 1, 2002:

Slope rockfish                              25,000 lbs / 2 mos

OPEN ACCESS GEAR

*North of 40 degrees, 10 minutes*

Beginning October 1, 2002

Nearshore rockfish                      7,000 pounds / 2 mos, with a sublimit of 3,000 lbs of species other than blue & black

*South of 40 degrees, 10 minutes*

Beginning October 1, 2002, lingcod is closed

ALL GEARS

Beginning October 1, 2002, dogfish may not be retained coastwide

Beginning October 1, 2002, between 40 degrees, 10 minutes and 36 degrees, sablefish 20 inches and greater in length may be retained by all gears.

The GAP also asks that the regulations clarify for enforcement purposes that "per trip" limits should be measured when the vessel returns to port, not while it is in the process of fishing.