

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
AMENDMENT 16 - REBUILDING PLANS

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received an update on Amendment 16 to the Pacific Groundfish Fishery Management Plan from Mr. Jim Seger of the Council staff.

The GAP has previously provided extensive comments on the draft of Amendment 16 and will not repeat most of them here. However, the GAP will emphasize the need to allow rebuilding plans to be as flexible as possible. As seen with the problems we are having establishing optimum yields for rebuilding species for the 2003 season, flexibility is a virtue, not a vice.

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