

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON DEVELOPMENT OF  
GROUND FISH TRAWL INDIVIDUAL QUOTA AND CONTROL DATE

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received a report from Jim Seger regarding the recent meeting of the Council's Ad Hoc Groundfish Trawl Individual Quota Committee (Committee). Overall, the GAP endorses the Committee report which will be presented to the Council.

The GAP does not wish to second-guess the Committee's work, and therefore, will comment only on those items which the Committee is bringing before the Council for action. In regard to proposed changes in the program goal, the GAP supports the recommendation of the Committee. In regard to the structure and timing of the control date, the GAP again endorses the recommendation of the Committee and urges the Council to adopt the Committee's recommendation.

Finally, the GAP encourages the Council and NMFS to continue providing the funding support necessary for the Committee to complete its work in a timely manner.

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