

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
GUIDELINES FOR REVIEW OF MARINE RESERVES ISSUES

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received a presentation from Ms. Cindy Thomson regarding the draft Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) paper containing objectives and guidelines for marine reserves. The GAP has commented favorably on previous drafts of this paper and continues to support the excellent work done by the SSC. The GAP strongly agrees with the paper's recommendations that marine reserves undergo rigorous scientific and economic scrutiny before establishment and that a clear set of objectives be developed and adhered to when marine reserves are contemplated for use as fishery management tools.

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