

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL FISHERIES SURVEY PROGRAM REVIEW

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received an update from Mr. Russell Porter of the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) on the data gathering and analysis changes being made to improve recreational data for Pacific groundfish.

The GAP would like to thank PSMFC and the State of California for their efforts to get more and better data on the recreational fishery. As we have seen in the past, imprecise and incomplete data can have a far ranging effect, not only on recreational fisheries, but on all fisheries on our coast.

While we recognize the new California Recreational Fisheries Survey has only been established this year, we want to emphasize the need to have the survey running and the data available for use in 2005; and we encourage all involved to make that a reality.

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