

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
KRILL HARVEST BAN PROPOSAL

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) discussed the issue of banning fishing for krill within all or part of the Council's area of jurisdiction, including the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

The GAP encourages the Council to examine the issue, as it will re-emphasize the authority vested in the Council to regulate fishing activities within Sanctuaries. However, it is unclear whether the GAP should be involved in the development of an FMP amendment, as krill is not listed as a groundfish species. Given the many important issues in groundfish management, we are not convinced that development of a Pacific Groundfish FMP amendment to ban krill fishing is justified in terms of workload requirements for the Council's groundfish staff, the Groundfish Management Team, and the GAP.

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