

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON
BYCATCH PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) received a presentation from Dr. Kit Dahl on the status of the Bycatch Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The GMT notes that elements within the bycatch EIS overlap with elements in other efforts moving forward within the Council process such as trawl individual quotas and the allocation EIS. The GMT encourages coordination of these efforts to avoid redundancies and to ensure goals and timelines are not in conflict, but recommends the Council begin implementing substantive measures to address bycatch as soon as possible. The GMT would appreciate the opportunity to provide input as the Groundfish Fishery Management Plan and regulatory amendments to implement the bycatch EIS are developed.

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