

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES DOCUMENT

The material made available to the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) was the September 2004 version of the proposed revisions to the Council Operating Procedures (COP) and various advisory subpanel comments. Since the GAP comments from November 2004 on the COP document are being presented to the Council (Agenda Item B.3.b, November 2004 GAP Report), the GAP sees no reason to repeat them here.

The GAP notes one change in their earlier comments: on page 2, the second full paragraph commenting on “COP 2, Page 3, Meetings” should be deleted. The GAP is not asking that they be paid, especially in light of the serious financial situation faced by the Council. This comment was an outburst of frustration after reading other COP proposed changes which cast aspersions on the GAP and other Council advisory bodies. The GAP asks the Council to remember that its members serve as volunteers performing a public service, both during and outside of regular Council meetings. The GAP does take its work seriously and is simply asking the Council to treat us seriously.

And, the GAP still thanks the Council Chair and Executive Director for the coffee.

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