

STATEMENT OF THE GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL  
ON TRAWL IQ PROGRAM

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) reviewed the reports of the Ad Hoc Groundfish Trawl Individual Quota (TIQ) Committee, the Allocation Committee, and the Groundfish Management Team (GMT), as well as the extensive documentation prepared for this agenda item. The GAP appreciates the assistance of Mr. Jim Seger and members of the TIQ Committee in providing information to the GAP.

The GAP looked first at the Goals and Objectives identified in Agenda Item C.5.a, Attachment 1 (page 2). The GAP agrees with the Goals and Objectives - which include comments made by the GAP at previous meetings - and endorses the additional Constraint recommended by the GMT.

The GAP then examined the list of impacts found in Agenda Item C.5.a, Attachment 1 (pages 19 and 20). Again, this list encompasses comments previously made by the GAP, and the GAP recommends that the list be adopted.

The GAP then endorsed the alternatives recommended by the TIQ Committee and urges the Council to adopt them as appropriate options for analysis. The GAP does not support the additional alternatives recommended by the GMT.

Finally, the GAP urges the Council to begin the scoping process for groundfish allocation as soon as possible, as it is important both for the TIQ program and for a variety of management issues.

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