

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
FINAL CONSIDERATION OF INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) has reviewed the analysis and revised inseason adjustments presented by the Groundfish Management Team (GMT).

The GAP wants to make clear that the concern about targeting on yellowtail rockfish is unnecessary. Yellowtail continue to be highly abundant and available to fishermen on the grounds, and thus, unavoidable as incidental catch. The testimony from the public indicated the selective flatfish trawl is working, and yellowtail are only taken because there are so many of them.

The GAP supports the groundfish inseason changes recommended by the GMT.

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