

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
REBUILDING PLAN REVISION POLICY

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) report on harvest strategies for rebuilding stocks was presented by Mr. John Devore, Council staff, and Dr. John Fields, GMT. The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) considered information from the report on alternatives on rebuilding plan revision policies. The GAP supports Alternative 5 with some flexibility to evaluate each stock situation on a case-by-case basis. The GAP considered and rejected Alternative 4 because it would likely result in more variability in the harvest policy, as compared to Alternative 5.

The GAP supports the last paragraph in the GMT report referencing that these alternatives are simply examples of plausible evaluation criteria, and variations of alternatives may be preferable to the Council. Moreover, adoption of a given alternative as a preferred strategy should not be construed as constraining Council flexibility, as Amendment 16.1 of the groundfish fishery management plan clearly states that the Council retains the ability to evaluate rebuilding plans on a case by case basis.

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