

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
STOCK ASSESSMENTS AND REBUILDING ANALYSES FOR 2007-2008
GROUND FISH FISHERIES

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) understands that rebuilding plans which include periods of greater duration than T_{\min} must be justified based on fishing community needs. This implies drawing a balance between conservation and community needs. The GAP is frustrated by the lack of direction on the following: the criteria for evaluating an appropriate balance, the specification of minimum community needs, and measures of adverse effects on communities, such as measures of effects on the recreational fishery.

In order to provide direction on establishing such a balance, the Council should consider recommending points of reference for minimum community needs. For example, the fishery was declared a disaster in the year 2000. A reference point for minimum community needs should be no lower than would be reflected by the fishing season and regulations in that year.

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