

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
GROUND FISH BYCATCH WORK PLAN

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) supports efforts to increase and improve monitoring, data collection, and analysis; especially mechanisms that move us toward real-time data such as electronic fish tickets. The GAP encourages the Council to urge National Marine Fisheries Service, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, and state agencies to prioritize development of these improved monitoring and reporting programs. Such programs will facilitate development of sector-specific bycatch limits and the trawl individual quota (IQ) program.

Specific to the other items identified in Agenda Item C.2.a, Supplemental Attachment 2; the GAP believes that inter-sector allocation is the highest priority. The GAP urges the Council to begin making significant progress on this issue, which will be necessary to implement the trawl IQ program.

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