

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL (GAP) REPORT ON
TRAWL RATIONALIZATION (TRAWL INDIVIDUAL QUOTA (TIQ) PROGRAM)

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) heard a presentation from Mr. Jim Seger, Council Staff, on the current status of the Trawl Individual Quota Program. In particular, the GAP reviewed the Groundfish Allocation Committee and Trawl Individual Quota Committee (TIQC) reports and has the following comments and recommendations.

First and foremost, the GAP continues to stress the importance of moving forward with the trawl rationalization process without delay.

Goals and Objectives

The GAP reviewed the revised goals and objectives drafted by Mr. Phil Anderson (Agenda Item E.4.b) and recommends the Council adopt the revised goals with all of the amendments offered by the TIQC.

Groundfish Allocation Committee

The GAP supports incorporating all of the recommendations proposed by the Groundfish Allocation Committee (Agenda Item E.4.b, GAC Report) for analysis with the following exceptions:

1. On GAC Recommendation 5, the GAP supports the TIQC recommendation to eliminate the one trawl sector option and analyze the three and four trawl sector options.
2. On GAC Recommendation 14, the GAP agrees with the concerns expressed by the TIQC with regards to the remedy for entry level opportunity. The GAP believes a placeholder should be inserted under this issue while a more comprehensive solution to allowing new entrants into the fishery is developed.
3. On GAC Recommendation 16, the GAP agrees with the TIQC that minimum holding requirement options should be eliminated.

A majority of the GAP (14 of 15) does not agree with the TIQC recommendation to eliminate the analysis of individual fishing quota options for the at sea mothership and catcher processor sectors. We believe both forms of rationalization should be fully analyzed for all sectors of the trawl fishery.

Lastly the GAP notes that the TIQC Report should be amended to correctly reflect the use it or lose it options that are recommended for analysis.