

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON COUNCIL THREE-MEETING
OUTLOOK, SEPTEMBER 2007 COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA,
AND WORKLOAD PRIORITIES

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) requests that the Council schedule an agenda item for the September 2007 meeting that addresses sector bycatch limits for the whiting fishery. The September meeting would be the first of a two-meeting process that would allow for implementation of sector bycatch caps for the 2008 whiting fishery.

For the last three years one sector or another has had the potential to negatively impact the other two sectors of the whiting fishery. Each year the species of concern has varied and each year the sector experiencing the problem has varied. Exploring the use of sector bycatch caps for the whiting fishery could be a solution to this problem. The GAP recommends this important issue be added to the Council's September agenda.

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