

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
AMENDMENT 21: INTERSECTOR ALLOCATION

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) was briefed by Mr. John DeVore about the current intersector allocation alternatives and the process going forward. The GAP finds that the alternatives recommended by the Groundfish Allocation Committee (GAC) provide a reasonable range of alternatives and should be adopted for analysis.

The GAP focused on the recommendations of the GAC in their summary minutes (Agenda Item E.8.b, GAC Report), specifically the section of the document starting on page 9. Generally, the GAP agrees with the italicized recommendations in the GAC summary minutes, as well as the GAC direction to Council staff about catch overage risk management, that is, the final sentence on page 10 of the summary minutes. Specific to the second italicized GAC recommendation (that is, allocation among trawl sectors), the GAP assumes the analysis will provide information about non-whiting trawl, shoreside whiting trawl, mothership whiting trawl, and catcher-processor whiting trawl. The number of trawl sectors will ultimately be determined through the Trawl Rationalization process, which currently has alternatives for three or four trawl sectors.

The GAP also notes that allocation of overfished species, once they are rebuilt, is an important issue that warrants Council consideration. Most notably, several species (widow rockfish, darkblotched rockfish, and bocaccio) may be rebuilt before implementation of the Trawl Rationalization program. Therefore, the Council should prioritize consideration of this issue as part of the Trawl Rationalization process.

Finally, relative to Agenda Item E.8.a, Attachment 2, page 1; the GAP recommends insertion of the phrase “recreational fisheries without long-term allocations” into the sentence in the Set-Asides row of the table on page 1.

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