

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN
AMENDMENT 22: OPEN ACCESS LICENSE LIMITATION

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) heard a presentation from Mr. LB Boydston on the Open Access License Limitation proposals and draft environmental analysis. The GAP notes that limiting the open access fishery is a complex issue and we spent several hours discussing the intricacies of the proposed options. At this point the GAP does not have a unified vision for what we believe the open access fishery should look like in the future. A majority of the GAP believes the current suite of options represents a reasonable range of alternatives for limiting access in the open access fishery. The GAP has some requests for analysis of the options:

1. Analyze the geographic ramifications of the options. There is some concern from industry that the more restrictive options could unintentionally harm certain coastal communities.
2. Provide an analysis of number of landings versus number of pounds landed in reference to qualifying criteria.

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