

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON STOCK ASSESSMENT PLANNING FOR 2011-2012 DECISION MAKING

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) discussed the proposed list of full and updated assessments for 2009. The GAP recommends adding four additional full assessments with the following priority:

1. Blue rockfish
2. Lingcod
3. Yellowtail
4. Pacific Ocean Perch (POP)

Blue Rockfish

Blue rockfish is becoming an increasingly constraining species south of 40 10. The GAP's understanding is that there is new data available to inform a full assessment and thus recommends including it on the list of full assessments.

Lingcod

Lingcod are extreme predators that may be affecting the recovery of depleted species. It is important to know the status of the lingcod population and the GAP recommends a full assessment.

Yellowtail

Yellowtail has not been assessed since 2000 and the GAP believes the species should be fully assessed.

Pacific Ocean Perch

The GAP concurs with the Northwest Science Center that POP should be fully assessed. It will have been six years since this stock was assessed.

The GAP recommends data reports not assessments for bronzespotted and greenspotted rockfish.

Lastly, as new techniques and methodologies are developed through workshops or other meetings, the GAP believes that GAP representation could be helpful to those processes and we recommend including a GAP member as an automatic action when these meetings or workshops are developed and scheduled.