

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FINAL ADOPTION OF 2009-2010
GROUND FISH HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS, MANAGEMENT MEASURES, AND
REBUILDING PLAN REVISIONS

Set-asides

- The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) supports continued yelloweye research and recommends appropriate set-asides of yelloweye rockfish for any exempted fishing permits (EFPs). The set-asides for EFPs should come out of the sector for which the EFP is taking place.

Limited Entry Non-Whiting Trawl

- Management measures – the GAP supports option 1.
- The GAP does NOT support restricting trawlers to one bottom trawl gear on board at a time at this time, and agrees with the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) to revisit this issue in the 2011-2012 specifications process.

Limited Entry Whiting Trawl

- Closing the Whiting Fishery Upon Projected Attainment of a Bycatch Limit – the GAP agrees.
- Maximized Retention for Catcher Vessels Delivering to Motherships – the GAP agrees.
- Unmonitored Midwater Trawling in the Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) – the GAP agrees with GMT on 100% observer coverage.
- Sector-Specific Bycatch Limits – GAP recommends pro rata approach for sector specific bycatch limits and recommends no overall cap for the whiting fishery.
 - The GAP recommends including regulatory provisions to implement depth-based closures for a specific sector if that sector is projected to hit a cap. This “soft landing” would still protect overfished species while providing opportunity to fully utilize the whiting allocation.
- Changing the at-sea processing restriction in the shoreside whiting fishery – the GAP agrees.

Limited Entry Fixed Gear

- Mandatory logbooks – the GAP agrees.
- Alternative 2 on yelloweye rockfish catch sharing –
 - Ensure that line comes in on halibut days.
 - 125 restriction would be to Cascade Head south.

Nearshore Open Access

- Management measures - the GAP members support the GMT proposals for the 2009-2010 and supports Alternative 2 on yelloweye rockfish catch sharing.

Incidental Open Access

- Retention of lingcod in salmon troll fisheries – the GAP does not support changes to the retention of lingcod in the salmon troll fishery.

Recreational

California

GAP agrees with the GMT recommendations on depth restrictions, season lengths and other management measures.

Oregon

GAP agrees with the GMT recommendations for Oregon sport fisheries.

Washington

GAP agrees with the GMT recommendations for Washington sport fisheries with inclusion of new area restriction Area 9 on Page 83 of Agenda Item F.4.a, Attachment 1. This area closure is for all groundfish and pacific halibut and will help prevent a spike in yelloweye and canary encounters during the directed halibut fishery regardless of its length.

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