

*[Note: This paragraph is taken from the May 2009 Groundfish Allocation Committee report.
The main report can be found under Agenda Item E.10]*

Adaptive Management Program (AMP)

The GAC recommends the Council treat AMP as a pass through in the first two years of the trawl rationalization program.

Rationale: Having a pass through for the first two years of the program would allow the Council to better understand the effects of the rationalization program and structure an AMP more appropriately after that two year period. Furthermore, implementing a non-pass through option in the first two years of the rationalization program would create additional complexity and administration that may not be feasible given the implementation burden of the broader program during the first two years.

The GAC asked for the GMT further discuss “buffers,” holdback concepts for AMP, and the carryover provision and develop recommendations for the Council. Additionally, the GAC acknowledged that buffers and the carryover provision should be brought up during Amendment 23 (Annual Catch Limits) discussions.