

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON  
MARINE RESOURCES PUBLIC OPINION POLLS

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) reviewed the issues of the public opinion polls submitted by the Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries.

It was noted that these polls were of considerable interest to members of the fishing community. The GAP believes that the information contained within these polls should be important to the Council as an indication of public opinion toward fishery management including habitat.

Two of these polls, the national and Monterey regional polls, have received public critique from the Ocean Conservancy. In the interest of furthering this review process, the GAP strongly recommends that these two polls be submitted to the Scientific and Statistical Committee for a review. This would allow for a more thorough analysis of the methodology and an assessment of relevance and therefore a clearer understanding of the validity of this undertaking.

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