

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT
SCIENCE IMPROVEMENTS AND METHODOLOGY REVIEW TOPICS

The Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP) received a report from Mr. John DeVore about potential off-year science projects and improvements. We also referenced the draft Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) report in making our recommendations.

In both 2011 and 2013 (see: [2011 GAP report](#) and [2013 GAP report](#)), the GAP recommended the following:

1. A workshop on Transboundary Stocks
2. A workshop on B_0 Harvest Management Framework
3. A Workshop to Review Historical Catch Reconstructions
4. A Workshop to Develop Techniques to Survey the Cowcod Conservation Areas

The GAP maintains these are important workshops and requests the Northwest Fisheries Science Center continue to keep them on the schedule. However, we also note No. 4, a workshop to develop techniques to survey the Cowcod Conservation Areas (CCAs), may be taken off as significant work is being done in not only the CCAs, but other Rockfish Conservation Areas as well. We fully support these endeavors.

With regard to the SSC's draft recommendations, the GAP suggests the transboundary groundfish stocks workshop be retained as an important one to keep on the schedule. The other three, a workshop on methods of data reweighting, a workshop on recreational catch per unit effort (CPUE) standardization and a workshop on spatial models should also be retained and completed as time allows. The GAP suggests the workshop on recreational CPUE standardization be moved up on the priority list as well.