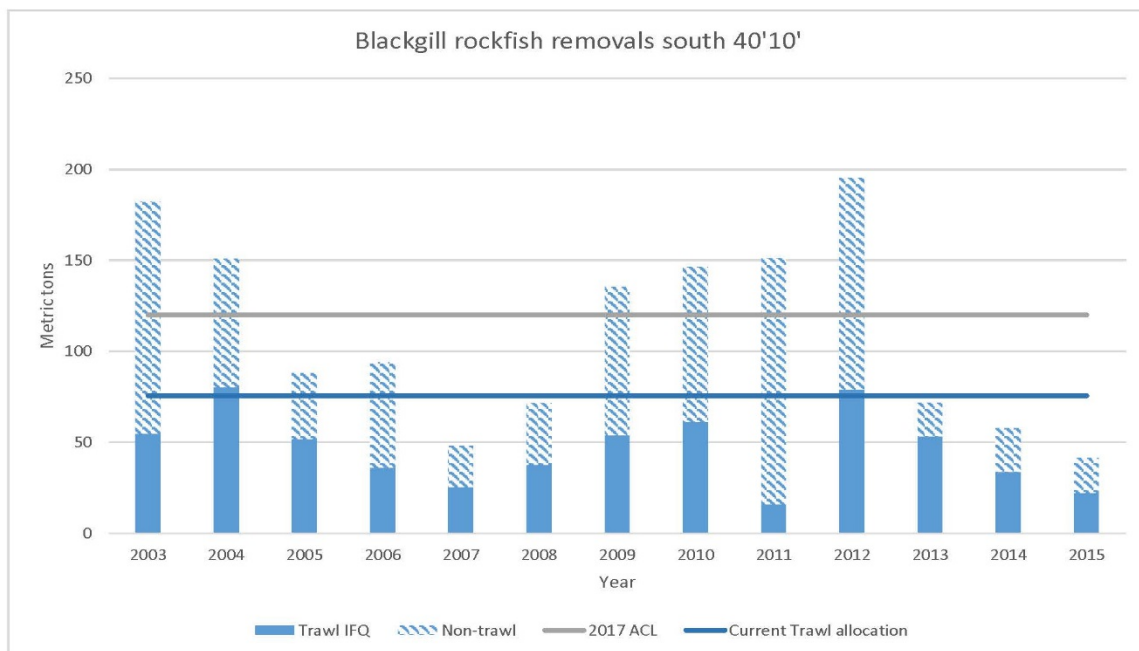


GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON BLACKGILL-SLOPE COMPLEX FINAL REALLOCATION AND ACCUMULATION LIMITS

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) met with Mr. John DeVore to discuss blackgill and slope rockfish intersector allocation. The Council is considering a final preferred intersector allocation alternative for blackgill rockfish and the remaining species in the southern Slope Rockfish complex south of 40° 10' N. latitude. As part of this action, the Council is also considering recommending new accumulation limits for blackgill rockfish and the remaining species in the southern Slope Rockfish complex.

The GAP discussed the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Supplemental Report which was then followed up with a briefing by NMFS staff. After that discussion, the GAP has decided to support the NMFS report. The GAP agrees with NMFS that there is not a conservation concern at this time. We have included a graphic below which clearly shows the declining trend of blackgill catch.



The GAP supports increasing trip limits for the non-trawl fixed gear sector through the inseason process.