

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON COMMENTS ON NATIONAL  
GUIDANCE AND PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR WEST COAST TRAWL CATCH SHARE  
PROGRAM REVIEW

Mr. Jim Seger, Council staff, provided the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) with an overview about the national catch share program review process and the Council's West Coast catch share review process that will start in June.

The GAP supports the [Council's January 12, 2016, letter](#) regarding National Marine Fisheries Service' Draft Guidance for Conducting Reviews of National Catch Shares Programs and suggests Council representatives reiterate the points made in the letter at the May Council Coordinating Committee meeting. The GAP notes that staff did an exemplary job of highlighting concerns about the national initiative.

Regarding the West Coast program review, the GAP anticipates greater discussion in June regarding the composition of the Community Advisory Body, the review process, and other issues that might arise between now and then.

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