GROUNDFISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) reviewed the draft April agenda and Year-at-a-Glance reports and offer the following comments.

Regarding the June agenda and the two shaded items (Nearshore Species Management and limited entry [LE] Fixed Gear sablefish Regional Operating Agreement [ROA]), the GAP suggests letting these fall off the June calendar and schedule them later in the year. However, since the sablefish issue encompasses fundamental significant issues to the program, an ad hoc committee could be selected to look at these over the summer and prepare a range of alternatives for the September meeting.

The GAP understands both of these are important issues but both would benefit from initial work through ad hoc committees. The GAP recommends these items be handled under the administrative agenda and the Council only consider appointing ad hoc committees in June.

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