

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON  
FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

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

Regarding the June agenda and the two shaded groundfish items (Nearshore Species Management and limited entry [LE] Fixed Gear Sablefish Range of Alternatives [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.

The GAP also suggests scheduling a process by which daily vessel limits for species that are rebuilt or no longer considered overfished are automatically removed. The GAP brought up this issue under [Agenda Item F.1.c Supplemental GAP Report](#) and also in our [Agenda Item F.6.a Supplemental REVISED GAP Report](#). It is anticipated that darkblotched and bocaccio rockfish may be rebuilt soon, and removing the daily vessel limits for these species.

Upon reviewing the [proposed June 2016 Council meeting agenda](#), the GAP suggests leaving the Western Region Action Plan for Climate Change item off the agenda and moving it to September or November.

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