GROUNDFISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON ANNUAL SALMON MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE CHANGES AMENDMENT SCOPING

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) discussed potentially delaying the annual April Council meeting to later in the month to accommodate salmon season management. The GAP believes this delay could be beneficial. For groundfish issues, additional time between the March and April meetings would be welcomed, especially for representatives of the groundfish fishery who participate in both Pacific Council and North Pacific Council fisheries. Currently the North Pacific Council and the Pacific Council April meetings significantly overlap, and a delay in the Pacific Council meeting would allow those representatives who participate in both forums to attend both meetings.

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