

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON 2017-2018 HARVEST  
SPECIFICATIONS AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

As an interim measure for Pacific Ocean perch, the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) supports a modified version of Groundfish Management Team alternative 2 with buffer. The GAP recommends using a buffer of 25mt for both 2017 and 2018. This approach, in combination with the existing amendment 21 allocations, results in the following:

ACL	281
Buffer	25
M/S	9
CP	12.7
IFQ	198.3
IFQ vessel limit	26,231

This approach provides a somewhat higher initial allocation for catcher-processor and mothership, and provides a 25 mt buffer to be used inseason. The GAP recommends the distribution of the buffer, as necessary, during Council meeting inseason actions. The GAP urges National Marine Fisheries Service to implement these inseason distributions as quickly as possible to ensure stability in the fishery.

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