

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

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) considered the documents under this agenda item and offers the following comments.

1. Inseason, March 2017: An inseason agenda item (H.2) is in the “candidate items box” on the [proposed March 2017 agenda](#). In light of recent discussions and Council action under agenda items F.1, NMFS report and F.3, inseason, at this meeting, the GAP suggests this item remain on the March agenda.
2. GAP start date, March 2017: The GAP suggests adding one more day to the GAP agenda, starting on Thursday, March 9. This would allow time for the GAP to complete its business, particularly if there is a controversial issue.
3. Include an electronic monitoring EFP update in March 2017: The GAP sees value in receiving this update in March, prior to finalizing final preferred alternatives (FPAs) in April, as referenced in [Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 6](#).
4. Limited entry sablefish fishery discussion: The GAP suggests moving this issue for discussion, as detailed in [Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 5](#), to March 2017 as a GAP only agenda item.
5. Salmon Reconsultation/Biological Opinion (BiOp): The GAP recommends retaining the salmon reconsultation/BiOp on the April and June agendas, consistent with the current NMFS schedule, to inform completion by September 2017.
6. Mid-biennium harvest specifications (“green light”), April 2017: The GAP recommends moving this issue, F.5, from the shaded area on the [proposed April agenda](#) to the full agenda. June’s schedule already is getting full and postponement would slow momentum on this issue.
7. 5-year Catch Share Review progress report, April 2017: The GAP support moving this to the full agenda and removing it from the shaded area. This is another issue for which we don’t want to slow momentum.
8. Modified Bottom Trawl Gear Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) update: The GAP suggests adding this issue to the June 2017 agenda so the Council and NMFS can track the progress of the EFP and make modifications if needed, as proposed in the motion from Agenda Item F.5, trawl gear modifications EFP, at this meeting.
9. Move the between-trawl sector quota pounds trading to September: This item would be more appropriate when the 5-year review range of alternatives is being considered.

The GAP supports all of the items under the heading, “Overwinter Work”, contained in the GMT report (Agenda Item C.6.a, Supplemental GMT Report).