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GROUNDFISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FINAL 2017 CATCH SHARING PLAN AND ANNUAL REGULATION CHANGES

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received a presentation from Ms. Heather Reed, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW); Ms. Lynn Mattes, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW); and Ms. Marci Yaremko, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) regarding Pacific Halibut regulation proposals for 2017 by ODFW (Agenda Item E.1.a ODFW Report) and WDFW (Agenda Item E.1.a WDFW Report and Agenda Item E.1.a Supplemental WDFW Report 2). The GAP also received an update on California recreational fisheries effort and appreciates the quick updates to the projection model. Upon review of these reports, the GAP suggests the Council adopt all the recommendations contained within the documents.

Further, the GAP appreciates the advanced notice about the proposed changes to the incidental halibut catch in the sablefish fishery and understands this will be revisited in 2017.

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