

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON CONSIDERATION OF INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) met with the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) to discuss progress of this year's fishery and possible inseason adjustments. The GMT discussion was led by Ms. Jessi Doerpinghaus. The GAP offers the following recommendations and comments on proposed inseason adjustments to ongoing groundfish fisheries.

The GAP discussed the progress of the 2016 fisheries and note that all fisheries are on track thus we have no recommended changes to report.

2017

Lingcod

The GAP reviewed the public comment requesting lingcod trip limit increases in the north. We agree with the GMT and do not feel this request can be accommodated due to the potential of yelloweye rockfish bycatch issues.

Sablefish

If NMFS is able to publish the final rule with the correct harvest specifications for 2017 and 2018 by January 1, 2017, the GAP recommends the following trip limits. Trip limits for 2018 can be revisited inseason. The revised ACLs are very similar to the 2016 ACLs (5,241 mt N; 1,880 mt S) and allocations analyzed in the 2015-2016 and Tier Environmental Impact Statement. Therefore, the GAP believes the economic impacts of this allocation have been sufficiently analyzed (Chapter 4.3).

Working from the supplemental GMT report **table 8** the GAP recommends the following:

Open Access Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery North of 36° N. Latitude

Currently scheduled 2017 trip limits: 300 lb. daily/1,200 lb. weekly/2,400 lb. bimonthly

The GAP supports GMT **Alternative A2**: 300 lb. daily/900 lb. weekly/1,800 bimonthly

Limited Entry Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery North of 36° N Latitude

Currently scheduled 2017 trip limits: 1,125 lb. weekly, not to exceed 3,375 lb. bimonthly

The GAP supports GMT **Alternative A2**: 1,100 lb. weekly, not to exceed 3,300 lb. bimonthly

Open Access Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery South of 36° N Latitude

Currently scheduled 2017 trip limits: 300 lb. daily/1,600 lb. weekly/3,200 lb. bimonthly

The GAP supports GMT **Alternative Status Quo**

Limited Entry Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery South of 36° N Latitude

Currently scheduled 2017 trip limits: 1,700 lb. per week

The GAP supports GMT **Alternative A1**: 2,000 lb. per week

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