

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON
CONSIDERATION OF INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS, INCLUDING CARRYOVER

(TRAWL GEAR EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT)

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) appreciates Ms. Melissa Hooper, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), for reaching out and working with the GMT to establish a new adaptive management protocol for the trawl gear exempted fishing permit (EFP). After understanding the needs of NMFS for setting up limits, the GMT suggests that the Council recommend, and NMFS adopt, the proposed Chinook salmon threshold of 3,547 for the entire midwater rockfish fishery, and associated regional bycatch ratios. This number represents the estimated total Chinook salmon taken by the midwater rockfish fishery assuming the full take of the individual fishing quota (IFQ) allocation of canary, widow, and yellowtail rockfish ([Agenda Item F.5.a, Supplemental GMT Report, November 2016](#)). Due to marketing constraints, actual Chinook salmon bycatches for the midwater rockfish fishery may be lower than 3,547 fish.

Therefore, **the GMT recommends the Council consider using the total bycatch threshold, and regional bycatch ratios provided in the supplemental NMFS PowerPoint presentation.**

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