

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON SCOPING OF TRAWL CATCH
SHARES DISCARD SURVIVAL CREDITS FOR SABLEFISH AND LINGCOD

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) heard a presentation from Mr. Brett Wiedoff of Council staff on discard mortality rates for sablefish and lingcod in the trawl individual fishing quota (IFQ) fishery. The GAP reviewed the scoping document ([F.3 Attachment 1](#)) as well as ([F.3.a, GMT Report 1](#)) and offers the following comments and recommendations.

The GAP believes the issues have been sufficiently scoped and recommends that at the appropriate time the Council act to adopt a preferred alternative that reflects mortality rates as set forth in [F.3.a, GMT Report 1](#) for use in establishing a discard survival credit for catch accounting in the Trawl IFQ Program.

The GAP notes that discards of both sablefish and lingcod in all sectors of the trawl fishery is very low. Allowing a discard survival credit based on mortality rates could increase economic benefit without risk to either stock.

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