GROUNDFISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FUTURE MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

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

The GAP understands the essential fish habitat (EFH)/Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) item will not be ready for November. This is particularly frustrating to the GAP because some of the information, particularly the collaborative proposal, may become stale. The GAP would prefer timely action to amend EFH areas and modify the RCAs. The GAP requests an update on the EFH/RCA status in November.

The GAP considered H.5, Attachment 2, Proposed November Agenda through the lens of ensuring important items discussed at the September meeting move forward expeditiously. Therefore, the GAP recommends the November 2017 agenda include F.9 – Electronic Monitoring Halibut Discard Mortality Rate and Third Party Review; and F.11 - Mid-Biennium Harvest Specification Adjustment Final Action.

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