

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2018 AND 2019 – FINAL ACTION

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) met with the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) to discuss progress of the 2018 and 2019 fisheries and possible inseason adjustments. The GMT discussion was led by Ms. Jessi Doerpinghaus. There are no inseason actions for the rest of 2018. The GAP offers the following recommendations and comments on proposed inseason adjustments to ongoing groundfish fisheries for 2019.

Sablefish Daily-Trip-Limit

Due to poor market conditions, fixed gear sablefish landings have been tracking quite low to date thus there is an opportunity to increase the daily-trip-limits for both limited entry and open access fixed gear north beginning in 2019. Working from the Supplemental GMT Report 1, **Table 10**, the GAP recommends the following:

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

Currently proposed 2019 trip limits: 300 lb. daily/1,000 lb. weekly/2,000 lb. bimonthly.

The GAP supports GMT **Alternative 1**: 300 lb. daily/1200 lb. weekly/2,400 bimonthly.

Limited Entry Fixed Gear Sablefish North of 36° N Latitude

Currently proposed 2019 trip limits: 1,200 lb. weekly, not to exceed 3,600 lb. bimonthly.

The GAP supports GMT **Alternative 1**: 1,300 lb. weekly, not to exceed 3,900 lb. bimonthly.

Fixed Gear Open Access Trip Limits for Canary Rockfish

Open access representatives made a request in 2017 to increase the trip limits for canary rockfish as part of the 2019/2020 biennial harvest specifications and management measures process. In June of this year the Council elected to delay that increase until the discard landings data from 2017 and 2018 could be analyzed. Following that analysis there appears to be room for an increase in the canary trip limits for open access fixed gear. Working from the Supplemental GMT Report 1, **Table 12**, the GAP recommends the following:

Fixed Gear Open Access Canary Rockfish North of 40°10'N Latitude

The GAP supports GMT **Alternative 2**: 300 lb. every 2/months.

Fixed Gear Open Access Canary Rockfish South of 40°10'N Latitude

The GAP supports GMT **Alternative 2**: 300 lb. every 2/months except closed during period 2.

Technical Correction of 2019 and 2020 Harvest Specifications for Yellowtail Rockfish North of 40°10' N Latitude

The GAP reviewed Supplemental Attachment 3 that dealt with a computational error correction of a category designation of yellowtail rockfish within the 2019 and 2020 harvest specifications spreadsheet. The category designation has been corrected and the GAP has no issues with the results.

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