

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP) discussed the documents, specifically the [Proposed March Meeting Agenda](#) and the [Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance schedule](#), and public comments under this agenda item and offers the following comments and suggestions:

1. Cowcod Conservation Areas (CCA) Revision: The GAP suggests taking this out of the Omnibus and adding it to the June and September agendas.
2. Sablefish gear switching and area management (Agenda item G.6 in March, H.8 in April): This item is shaded in both March (gear switching report) and April (range of alternatives). Given a proposed Sablefish Management and Trawl Allocation Attainment Committee (SaMTAAC) meeting in January or February and the heavy workload in March, the GAP suggests moving the SaMTAAC meeting/gear switching report (March, G.6) and including it as part of the range of alternatives (April, H.8).
3. Omnibus Project Process Planning and Prioritization (March, G.7): There has been support for a March check-in of Omnibus items, so the GAP suggests moving F.3, Climate and Communities Initiative, from March to April and move the Omnibus agenda item out of the shaded box in March and onto the March agenda. Both agenda items are scheduled for two hours' floor time.
4. ESA seabird (March, G.4) and salmon (March, G.5) mitigation PPAs: The GAP suggests moving these from the March agenda to the April agenda. Pushing these issues back one month will add flexibility to the March agenda.
5. Sablefish Management Strategy Evaluation, (April, H.9): The GAP suggests delaying this issue until later in the year. This has the potential be a heavy workload issue and moving some items from March to April will fill up the April agenda quickly.
6. Amendment 26, Blackgill Rockfish (April, H.11): The GAP requests this be unshaded and moved onto the April agenda.
7. Emley-Platt exempted fishing permit (EFP) into regulation: The GAP requests this item be included in the April 2019 agenda.