GROUNDFISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2019 PACIFIC WHITING FISHERY UNDER THE U.S./CANADA AGREEMENT

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received an overview of the 2019 Total Allowable Catch (TAC) determination by the U.S./Canada Whiting Agreement Joint Management Committee (JMC) from participants in the treaty process. The GAP is pleased that the JMC provided a consensus recommendation on the whiting TAC.

It is the understanding of the GAP that the Council took action under Inseason in November 2018 to establish a 1,500 metric ton set-aside amount for 2019 pink shrimp and research, as recommended by the GMT (<u>Agenda Item G.6.a</u>, <u>Supplemental Revised GMT Report 1</u>, <u>November 2018</u> – top of page 8), and we support this set-aside amount.

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