GROUNDFISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON BIENNIAL HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES PROCESS FOR 2021-2022 FISHERIES

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received an overview of this item from Mr. John DeVore, Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), and Karen Palmigiano, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

The GAP understands the revised biennial harvest specifications process, as proposed, will include only those management measures necessary to implement the specifications for that biennium. The GAP generally supports this proposal.

Further, the GAP also appreciates this process may free up more NMFS staff time to work on other issues the Council and advisory bodies have proposed in the past. The GAP appreciates NMFS, GMT, and Council efforts to get the harvest specifications done on time.

The GAP understands items that are no longer part of the specifications process will now be part of the Workload and New Management Measures process.

The GAP also reviewed <u>Attachment 1, the proposed schedule</u>, under this agenda item and the dates look appropriate for task completion.

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