

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

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) discussed future workload and offers the following comments and recommendations.

November

The GAP recommends:

- Agenda Item G.3 - Electronic Monitoring (EM) Program Guidelines be scheduled for two hours instead of one to allow for a wider ranging discussion. We also recommend the title be revised to reflect potential topics that might be discussed under this agenda item.
- Agenda Item G.7 - Sablefish Management and Trawl Allocation Attainment Committee (SaMTAAC) Update be reduced from three hours to two hours since the item is intended to be an update.
- By adding an hour on Sunday, November 17th, and subtracting an hour on Monday, November 18th, the overall meeting time would balance, but we suggest moving Agenda Item G.2 - Workload and New Management Measure Update from Sunday, November 17th to Monday, November 18th to balance each day to eight hours.

The GAP schedule for November appears to be appropriate, given the items on the Council agenda.

Future Workload

The GAP recommends:

- Moving Whiting Treaty Implementation from March to April to occur after the Joint Management Committee meeting.
- Un-shading the NMFS report for April.
- Adding an EM agenda item for the June or September meeting, as an opportunity to check in after all the work product is done, with better cost analysis.
- Un-shading the items that the Council prioritized through the Workload and New Management Measures Process, so that industry can plan and prepare in advance of the meeting to allow for better industry coordination and make the items more efficient:
 - Nontrawl Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) Modifications – March
 - Mothership Sector Utilization – April
 - Trawl/Nontrawl Amendment 21 Allocations – June
 - Emley/Platt Exempted Fishing Permit Regulations – June