

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON CLIMATE AND COMMUNITIES  
INITIATIVE

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) reviewed the documents under the Climate and Communities Initiative agenda item and offers the following comments and suggestions.

The GAP appreciates the work that has been done so far on this initiative and that the Core Team remains dedicated to adhering to an established timetable. This is a cumbersome, complicated issue. We appreciate the guidance suggested by Mr. Jonathan Star for the climate scenarios interviews and exercise.

The framing question and six questions in the [Core Team's supplemental report](#) that Mr. Star will use when talking with interviewees and advisory bodies will likely generate a comprehensive range of suggestions and ideas. The Core Team and Ecosystem Working Group will have much work to do to narrow the list of topics and issues ultimately addressed by the climate scenario work product.

As such, the GAP reiterates the concerns in our [March 2019 supplemental report](#) on this issue. Work on this initiative should not displace primary work essential to current groundfish management such as stock assessments, harvest specifications and management measures, etc., and instead aim to make the management process more readily adaptive and flexible as changes occur.

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