GROUNDFISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON THE COMMERCIAL DIRECTED FISHERY REGULATIONS FOR 2020

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received a briefing from Ms. Lynn Mattes on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) report under this agenda item (Agenda Item G.2.a, ODFW Report 1). The GAP heard from ODFW that the majority of 22 stakeholders at their public meeting preferred the trip limit distribution approach used by the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) in 2019, which is a 10-hour opening. The GAP also received public comment indicating that other stakeholders, in response to an IPHC survey, may support up to a 5-day opening. The GAP recommends that the Council be prepared for the November meeting to make a recommendation to IPHC on trip limits.

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