

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON THE
WORKLOAD AND NEW MANAGEMENT MEASURE UPDATE

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received an overview of the agenda item from Mr. Todd Phillips, Council staff. The GAP understands from Mr. Phillips that because the Council has prioritized several items¹ from the new management measures list, there will be room to recommend two priorities from the unprioritized list² as soon as the process allows. As of today, these are the two items that we would prefer for prioritization:

- **B10 – Increasing individual fishing quota (IFQ) Carryover from 10 Percent:** Although national requirements hinder National Marine Fisheries Service’s (NMFS) ability to issue carryover for many species, the issuance of additional halibut and yelloweye could be useful to many participants in the IFQ fishery. Therefore, the GAP would like to see this item be analyzed.
- **B11 – Aggregate Non-Whiting Quota Share Control Limits and Individual Species Weighting:** The Community Advisory Board (CAB) previously identified this as a potential follow-on action during the five-year review process, but it was not selected by the Council to move forward. Some members of the GAP would like to see further analysis on this item, which we believe the Northwest Fisheries Science Center was conducting.

The GAP had a discussion about high priority items B2 and B6 (Removal of Selective Flatfish Trawl Requirement between 40° 10' and 42° N. lat. and Remove Certain Time and Area-Management Restrictions for Midwater Trawl Gear Targeting Nonwhiting) but, because the exempted fishing permit (EFP) is ongoing, kept these on the unprioritized list. To help inform prioritization in March, the GAP would welcome clarification about how the Council and NMFS foresee the transition from EFP to regulation for these items.

For the future, we think it would be helpful if the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) could clarify for us which items are eligible to move forward for prioritization. The GAP initially discussed and prioritized item B8 – Discard Mortality Rates for Recreational Fisheries, but later found out through discussions with the GMT that B8 was not eligible to move forward as a priority because the item was lacking scientific research. We suggest adding a column to the table indicating whether an item, if selected, is ready to move forward for analysis.

The GAP also received one public comment requesting the development of a pollock fishery in Washington, and recommend this new request be added to the unprioritized list for consideration.

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¹ See Table 2, *Groundfish Management Measure Items Prioritized by Council*, in [Agenda Item H.2.a, GMT Report 1, September 2019](#).

² See Table 3, *All Unprioritized Groundfish Management Measure Items*, in [Agenda Item H.2.a, GMT Report 1, September 2019](#).