

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON THE  
PHASED-IN APPROACH TO CHANGING HARVEST LIMITS – SCOPING

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received an overview of this agenda item from Mr. John DeVore, Council staff. After discussion with Mr. Patrick Mirick of the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) about the GMT's recommendation to remove this item from future Council consideration, **the GAP supports the GMT's recommendation.** We believe the case-by-case acceptable biological catches can accomplish similar results to the phased-in approach, while removing some workload since a fishery management plan amendment would not be required and the phased-in harvest specifications item could be removed from November 2019 and April 2020 on the Year-at-a-Glance Summary<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 1. Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary.  
[https://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/C5\\_Att1\\_YAG\\_BBSEPT2019.pdf](https://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/C5_Att1_YAG_BBSEPT2019.pdf).