GROUNDFISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS – FINAL ACTION

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) met with the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) to discuss progress of this year's fishery and possible inseason adjustments. The GMT discussion was led by Ms. Melissa Mandrup. The GAP offers the following recommendations and comments on proposed inseason adjustments to ongoing groundfish fisheries.

BOCACCIO TRIP LIMITS

Fixed gear fishermen targeting chilipepper rockfish continue to encounter substantial numbers of large bocaccio. The GAP supports increasing the bocaccio trip limits to help reduce regulatory discards in the chilipepper fishery. Working from GMT report 1, table 1, the GAP recommends the following:

Limited Entry Fixed Gear Bocaccio 40° 10' N Latitude to 34° 27' N Latitude

Current No Action 2020 trip limits: 1,500 lb./2 months
The GAP supports GMT **Option 2**: increasing the bocaccio trip limit to 6,000 lb./2 months

Limited Entry Fixed Gear Bocaccio South of 34° 27' N Latitude

Current No Action 2020 trip limits: 1,500 lb./2 months, closed Period 2 The GAP supports GMT **Option 2**: increasing the bocaccio trip limit to 6,000 lb./2 months

Open Access Fixed Gear Bocaccio South of 40° 10' N Latitude

Current No Action 2020 trip limits: 500 lb./2 months, closed Period 2 The GAP supports GMT **Option 2**: increasing the bocaccio trip limit to 4,000 lb./2 months

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