

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
SOUTHERN RESIDENT KILLER WHALE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT
CONSULTATION – FINAL ACTION

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) has been tracking the Southern Resident Killer Whale (SRKW) consultation process for salmon fisheries and offers the following comments. The GAP appreciates the open and transparent process that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) have conducted through the SRKW Workgroup and at Council meetings. The GAP encourages NMFS and the Council to continue this transparent process for future SRKW-related actions and other Endangered Species Act consultations.

With respect to final action at this meeting, the GAP supports the Salmon Advisory Subpanel's (SAS) recommendation to adopt Alternative 3.1.1: No Action – Status Quo Fishery Management Plan implementation for the reasons outlined in their report ([Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental SAS Report 1, November 2020](#)), as well as in our previous GAP report ([Agenda Item H.3.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, September 2020](#)).

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