

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON THE CALIFORNIA CURRENT
ECOSYSTEM AND INTEGRATED ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT (IEA) REPORT AND
SCIENCE REVIEW TOPICS

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received a report on the California Current Ecosystem (CCE) and Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (IEA) and Science Review Topics from Dr. Toby Garfield of the Southwest Fisheries Science Center and Dr. Chris Harvey of the Northwest Fisheries Science Center.

The GAP was impressed by and appreciative of this extensive review of science topics within the CCE. GAP members' anecdotal observations over time on the water and in tracking available remote sensing data concurs with the information presented.

We continue to be concerned by the profound negative impacts the response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have on scientific work and, in particular, survey schedules. These may have long-lasting negative impacts on future management tools and available information.

We continue to strongly encourage the involved participants and agencies to be flexible and adaptive, striving to find solutions to the challenges, just as we in the fisheries have. Fielding surveys and moving forward with data processing and analysis are of critical importance to meeting conservation goals and supporting sustainable fisheries' productivity.

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