

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
RESEARCH AND DATA NEEDS UPDATE

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) was briefed by Mr. John DeVore of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) on the Research and Data Needs Database currently in development. The GAP offers the following comments and recommendations.

The GAP supports the creation of an easy to access electronic database to store data as well as to manage research project prioritization. The GAP supports the ranking rubric suggested under this item under [Supplemental SSC Report 1](#).

The GAP requests that within the database, a column be devoted specifically to providing GAP input on groundfish research priorities and data needs. Further guidance on the process of acquiring as well as distributing the data will need to be discussed, such as the question of whether the GAP input will be delivered straight to the Scientific and Statistical Committee or through some other process?

Last, the GAP supports increasing the frequency of the research and data needs reviews, certainly something more often than the current five-year cyclical re-evaluations. The GAP suggests that an every-other-year cycle of reviews could be evaluated, noting that advisory body workload would need to be considered. Conducting these reviews during a biennial specifications and management measures year could be particularly difficult for the GAP and Groundfish Management Team.

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