

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON  
CONSIDERATION OF INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2021

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, Ms. Whitney Roberts, and Ms. Katie Pierson. The GAP offers the following recommendations and comments on proposed inseason adjustments to ongoing groundfish fisheries.

LINGCOD TRIP LIMITS

The fixed gear industry has requested an increase in the lingcod trip limits north of 42° N. latitude for the remainder of 2021. Fixed gear fishermen have noted that most of their entire allocation of lingcod has been taken during the first two weeks of the period, thus, has led to regulatory discards of lingcod. The GMT analysis suggests bycatch of yelloweye would increase only slightly (less than 0.01 mt.) with increased trip limits of lingcod in the north of 42° N. latitude area. Effort increase is expected to be low due to the expected Dungeness crab opener. Working from the Supplemental GMT Report 1, table 3, the GAP recommends the following:

**Open Access Fixed Gear Lingcod North of 42° N. Latitude**

Current No Action 2021 trip limits: 2,000 lb./month

The GAP supports GMT **Option 1**: Increase to 2,500 lb./month as soon as possible

**Limited Entry Fixed Gear Lingcod North of 42° N. Latitude**

Current No Action 2021 trip limits: 4,000 lb./2 months

The GAP supports GMT **Option 1**: Increase to 5,000 lb./2 months as soon as possible

SABLEFISH DAILY TRIP LIMIT (DTL)

Due to very tough market conditions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, fixed gear sablefish landings have been tracking quite low to date, thus, there is an opportunity to increase the daily trip limits for both limited entry and open access fixed gear in the north. For those fishermen that have a buyer willing to purchase their sablefish, a trip limit increase would be greatly beneficial. Working from the Supplemental GMT Report 1, the GAP recommends the following:

**Open Access DTL Fixed Gear Sablefish North of 36° N. Latitude**

Current 2021 trip limits: 600 lb./day or one landing per week up to 2,000 lb., not to exceed 4,000 lb./2 months

The GAP supports GMT **Option 1**: 600 lb./day or one landing per week 3,000 lb., not to exceed 6,000 lb./2 months

**Limited Entry DTL Fixed Gear Sablefish North of 36° N. Latitude**

Current 2021 trip limits: 1,700 lb./week, not to exceed 5,100 lb./2 months

The GAP supports GMT **Option 2**: 4,500 lb./week, not to exceed 9,000 lb./2 months

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