

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

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) members attended the Council briefing webinar about 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 at sea and in tracking available remote sensing data from other sources concur nicely with the presentation.

We continue to be concerned by the profound negative impacts the response to the COVID-19 pandemic had on scientific work and survey schedules in 2020 and 2021. These may have long-lasting negative impacts on future management tools and available information.

The GAP is pleased the involved participants and agencies have been flexible and adaptive and have found solutions to their challenges. Furthermore, we appreciate that the 2022 field season will feature a full set of surveys, including groundfish bottom trawl and the Harms hook-and-line survey.

We also greatly appreciate the spatial analyses of groundfish bottom trawling activity in and around the proposed wind energy call areas off the West Coast. These provide a helpful perspective with respect to the potential impacts to that fishery.

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