

## GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON STOCK DEFINITIONS

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) met with the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and discussed potential alternatives under this agenda item.

We support the GMT's November 2022 Supplemental GMT Report 1 ([link](#)) under this item and the options as outlined within table 1 there, including their suggestions outlined within it.

As highlighted by the GMT in Supplemental GMT Report 1, the “interrelated single stock” approach recommended under Alternative 1 “would provide management flexibility in the future in light of potential climate change impacts on species’ ranges.” Moreover, as stated by the GMT in September 2022 ([Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)) “defining these stocks at a coastwide scale... would allow the Council to define stocks for stock status and then utilize localized management measures to manage stocks at the spatial scales aligning with best scientific information available (BSIA),” which also provides important flexibility in managing these stocks.

The GAP thanks the GMT for their thoughtful consideration and analyses of, and deliberation on this matter.

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