

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) reviewed the documents related to this agenda item and offers the following recommendations.

April 2023

Referencing the [Draft Proposed April 2023 Agenda](#), the GAP suggests:

1. Unshading the Marine Planning agenda item. Given the reports under G.3, marine planning, at this meeting, the Council may want to consider providing comments on one or more issues. Developing issues related to offshore wind energy also happen quickly and the Council may want to, at the very least, be kept up to speed on those developments and, at most, provide input, if the opportunity arises. Therefore, we suggest adding this to the April agenda.
2. The GAP requests to add one day (April 1) to the GAP's April agenda. This would allow the GAP sufficient time to complete its work and reports on complex topics for the second day of the Council meeting.

Year-at-a-Glance

Referencing the [Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary](#), the GAP recommends:

1. Schedule a Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Groundfish Subcommittee workshop to analyze potential closed area data gathering of large spatial closures. The GAP suggests conducting this workshop as soon as possible in order to have the workshop results in time to be incorporated into the next stock assessment cycle in 2025-2026. For reference, see the [SSC Groundfish Subcommittee Report 1](#) under Agenda Item F.6, Final Assessment Methodologies.