

GROUNDFISH ADVISORY PANEL REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) reviewed the draft agendas in the briefing book under this agenda item and offers the following recommendations.

September 2023

Referencing the draft [September 2023 agenda](#) in the advanced briefing book, the GAP suggests:

- Convening a GAP webinar immediately prior to the September in-person meeting to cover items such as halibut catch-sharing plan, which is an item of great importance to the GAP and has a quick turn-around time for a report; the limited entry fixed gear (LEFG) follow on/gear marking item; 2025-2026 harvest specifications and management measures; and possibly some administrative items. These webinars facilitate the development of timely, comprehensive GAP reports.
- Unshading (scheduling) the Marine Planning item for September. Several actions related to offshore wind are pending and could be ripe for public discussion and comment – and subsequent Council action – in September.
- Unshading the long term Pacific halibut catch sharing plan agenda item. As evidenced by significant GAP and Council discussion, including public participation, at this Council meeting, it is clear there is a great deal of interest in this issue.
- Regarding the G.6, Trawl Cost Project Report and G.7, Trawl Catch Share Program and Intersector Allocation Review Scoping items: These are currently shaded but the GAP understands these are somewhat connected and scoping for the review may depend on the progress made on the trawl gear switching issue.

Year-at-a-Glance

Referencing the [Draft Year-at-a-Glance agenda](#), the GAP suggests:

- Similar to our recommendation related to Pacific halibut for September, the GAP suggests the long term Pacific halibut item be unshaded for November. Again, there is significant interest in this topic.
- Unshading the LEFG agenda item for March. The GAP understands this may be split into two actions – gear marking and follow-on actions – depending on the decisions at this meeting and can provide suggestions in September on how to proceed. These items are a priority for the GAP and would like to see progress.
- Scheduling 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. For reference, see the [SSC's March 2023 Groundfish Subcommittee Report 1](#) under Agenda Item F.6, Final Assessment Methodologies. The GAP also recommended this in our [April 2023 GAP Report 1](#) on future workload planning.

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