GROUNDFISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON STOCK ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY REVIEW - FINAL TOPICS

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) wholeheartedly endorses the new methodology that will estimate groundfish ages much more rapidly than the current method of manually reading the number of otolith rings. Age data are critical for estimating recruitment strength of our groundfish species that can determine abundance trends which are used for management guidance. The GAP appreciates being kept informed of these important methodology changes that affect our fisheries.

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