

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON MARINE PLANNING UPDATE

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP), like the Marine Planning Committee (MPC), had a limited amount of time to consider all the information and provide comments outside of those already included in [Agenda Item H.3.a, Supplemental MPC Report 2](#). However, we do agree with the MPC report and support the Pacific Fishery Management Council requesting an extension of the comment deadline.

Additionally, the GAP requests that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) automatically publish coordinates of any proposed call, wind energy or lease areas in file formats fishermen can use in their GPS units and fish plotters. The seafood industry has continually asked for this every time there is a change in areas, whether a marine protected area, regulatory area or offshore wind area. At minimum, an Excel spreadsheet file containing the coordinates could be published and fishermen could convert that into the various file formats used in marine charting software. However, in the interest of meaningful engagement, BOEM should work with the seafood industry to determine which formats are most common. These should be published online and proactively distributed to the public whenever it posts new information regarding offshore wind areas.

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