

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

Referencing the Preliminary [March](#) and [April](#) 2024 agendas, the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) suggests:

- Unshading and scheduling C.3, Marine Planning, in March. As noted in the [Supplemental MPC Report 1](#) under this agenda item, several marine planning items are in the queue and may necessitate Council comment. Additionally, unshading this agenda item for April may also be warranted, depending on the progress on items related to offshore wind and/or aquaculture.
- The GAP would like to have a webinar prior to the March and/or April Council meeting to receive briefings on items, including coral research and restoration.

Year-at-a-Glance

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

- Unshading the June and September Research and Data Needs agenda item. The GAP supports including a hook-and-line research proposal in California to get more information about the nearshore groundfish stocks, as well as considering trawl survey needs for covering shallower depths. Both should be considered under this agenda item.
- Unshading Pacific halibut for June. Members of the GAP support unshading halibut for June to continue work on the inseason flexibility provision and other matters.

Closed-area accounting workshop

As the SSC noted in its statement under stock definitions ([Agenda Item E.8, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)), “A workshop related to accounting for closed areas in assessment and management would be valuable, as this may help to inform the delegation of stocks to states. In addition, there would be value in the SSC reviewing any methods that are planned for developing stock complexes.” The GAP fully supports this, as we have noted in our statements on Future Workload Planning in [September 2023](#), [June 2023](#), and [April 2023](#).