

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

### June 2024

Referencing the [Draft June 2024 agenda](#), the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) recommends the following:

- Allowing for more time for the GAP and Groundfish Management Team (GMT) to work through Agenda Item F.5, “Adopt EFPs and Management Measures”. The GAP and GMT will have three days to finish their work, according to the draft June agenda. However, one more day – for example, moving this item from Monday to Tuesday with final action on Wednesday – would help ensure the GAP and GMT can work through discussions on some items, many of which require some thought, discussion, and revision prior to finalizing our statements.
- Potentially plan for a pre-Council GAP webinar that could potentially include marine planning, stock definitions and coral restoration, and research agenda items. This would free up more in-person time to work on some of the heavier, more detailed agenda items.

### Draft Year-at-a-Glance

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

- Unshading the Trawl Catch Share Program & Intersector Allocation Rev - Scoping Plan - FPA and the Trawl Cost Project - Review & Next Steps. Most of the items targeted for action from the first trawl catch share program review have been wrapped up; this seems an appropriate time to start the considerations for the next round.
- Removing the “inseason flexibility” part of the halibut items in September and November, as that has already been addressed by the Council in November 2023.
- Request an update on halibut bycatch in September or November (but well ahead of the International Pacific Halibut Commission meeting in January 2025), possibly at the same time the Council takes up regulations surrounding the commercial directed halibut fishery (streamer lines, vessel monitoring systems, fish ticket modifications).

### Non-agenda items

- Regarding the [Council member report](#): The GAP fully supports Ms. Corey Ridings’ request to explore the data gaps, data sets, the origins of the data, etc. An overview of the data collections and repositories – and their use in fisheries management – would be very beneficial to stakeholders and the public at large. The GAP is always interested in transparency and sees where this effort could be beneficial to include all states and tribes as well.

- The GAP supports the additional Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) workshops as noted in our stock assessment discussion under [Agenda Item F.3.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#) from March 2024 – especially the closed area workshop. The GAP has commented on and supported this several times under Future Workload Planning ([March 2024](#), [November 2023](#), [September 2023](#), [June 2023](#), and [April 2023](#)). The SSC proposes this kind of workshop sometime later this year. The GAP appreciates the SSC’s focus on this and anticipates the participation of at least one GAP member in this workshop.
- The GAP understands the SSC Groundfish and Economics Subcommittees also propose a meeting to discuss methods for the state/federal catch proportion analysis in the summer. The GAP supports this idea and will be interested in attending.
- Similar to the closed-area workshop, the GAP supports the SSC’s proposal for a workshop to consider the use of remotely operated vehicle data and its use in stock assessments. This could shed more light on the abundance estimates for quillback rockfish, which currently constrains several California fisheries.

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