

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

September 2024

Referencing [Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 2: September Quick Reference](#), the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) recommends:

- Removing the “inseason flexibility” part of the halibut items for September 2024, since that was already addressed by the Council in November 2023.

Year-at-a-Glance

Referencing [Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 1: Year at A Glance](#), the GAP recommends:

- Removing the “inseason flexibility” part of the halibut items for September and November 2024, since that was already addressed by the Council in November 2023.
- Unshading the Research and Data Needs for November 2024 and March 2025 for the reasons we stated in our March 2024 statement ([Agenda Item F.1.d, Supplemental GAP Report 1, March 2024](#)). The GAP is interested in expanding the hook-and-line survey into nearshore areas, and expanding the trawl surveys into shallower waters.
- Unshading Cordell Bank - ROA/PPA for November 2024. This is an issue that needs to be finalized.
- Unshading the following for March 2025 (all of these are important to the GAP):
 - Limited Entry Fixed Gear Follow On - FPA
 - Gear Switching - Reg. Deeming

Non-agenda items

The GAP continues to support the additional Scientific and Statistical Committee workshops, especially the closed-area workshop as included in its [November 2023 Report 1](#) on stock definitions. The GAP has commented and supported this several times under Future Workload Planning ([April 2024](#), [November 2023](#), [September 2023](#), [June 2023](#), and [April 2023](#)). 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. However, we are concerned that if this workshop occurs in the fall, that stock assessment authors may not be available to participate.