

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON METHODOLOGY REVIEW:
PRELIMINARY FISHERY IMPACT MODEL TOPICS

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) recommends the following from [Agenda Item I.2.a, Supplemental Groundfish Management Team \(GMT\) Report 1](#):

- 1) **Nearshore catch projection tool: Option 2.** This tool is no longer needed as severe long-term restrictions to the nearshore fisheries in California along with declining observer coverage of these same fisheries will render this tool useless.
- 2) **Non-nearshore catch projection tool: No Action**
- 3) **New shelf catch projection tool: Option 1.** This new tool is needed due to the expansion of shelf rockfish fishing opportunity created by the reopening of areas of the non-trawl rockfish conservation area (RCA) as well as the growth of non-bottom contact fishing gears usage within the RCA that target shelf species.

The GAP also supports the GMT recommendation to analyze the use of depth-dependent discard mortality rates (DMR) used for the nearshore commercial sector for the Open Access gears both for the total mortality report and the new shelf model. The application of these DMRs would better align with actual on-the-water impacts and any savings from survival of these discards could be impactful to industry given current constraints in the non-trawl sector.

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