

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON 2025 AND 2027 STOCK
ASSESSMENT PLAN AND SCHEDULE

Due to otolith aging workload and limited capacity described in [Agenda Item I.4.b, REVISED NWFSC/SWFSC Report 1](#), it is apparent that a benchmark assessment for redbanded rockfish for 2025 cannot be completed. The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) recommends that redbanded rockfish be added to the list of potential benchmark assessments for the 2027 cycle. The GAP notes that this agenda item is coming back through the full Council process, taking up floor time on items we already reviewed and decided on, and it would be very helpful if we can get realistic capacity projections earlier in the cycle in the future.

The GAP also suggests yellowtail rockfish south of 40° 10' N. lat. be added to that same 2027 list. With the implementation of non-bottom contact gears as well as reopening of the rockfish conservation areas, yellowtail rockfish landings in the south are sure to continue to increase.

The GAP holds out hope that species such as black rockfish in Oregon and canary rockfish will still be strongly considered for the assessment schedule in 2027.

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