

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON MARINE PLANNING

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) agrees with the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel ([Supplemental CPSAS Report 1](#)) under this agenda item regarding a cumulative impacts analysis ([Supplemental MPC Report 2](#)) and anticipates providing more input after the Marine Planning Committee expands its work on a cumulative impacts analysis.

Additionally, the GAP appreciates the volume of studies and research needed to afford the seafood industry with assurances that offshore wind, and floating offshore wind in particular, will not harm fisheries for future generations. That is, given the example of how dams on rivers were constructed (and escalated) for power generation, a similar industrial buildout of floating offshore wind turbines on the ocean could have an exponentially unfavorable effect on the California Current Large Marine Ecosystem. Therefore, the GAP supports one organization or entity coordinating the research, acting as a clearinghouse for questions related to offshore wind research, particularly when it relates to effects on fisheries and the ecosystem.

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