GROUNDFISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON INTERSECTOR ALLOCATION REVIEW – FINAL ACTION

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) recommends the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) adopt the allocation review document (<u>Agenda Item E.5, Supplemental REVISED</u> <u>Attachment 1, June 2025</u>) and offers the following four comments:

1) The GAP understands that the primary purpose of this document is to meet the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Policy Directive 01-119, Fishery Allocation Review Policy.

2) The report contains a substantial amount of useful information relative to the species that have permanent trawl/non-trawl allocations (arrowtooth flounder, chilipepper rockfish south, darkblotched rockfish, Dover sole, English sole, lingcod north, longspine north, other flatfish, Pacific cod, Pacific ocean perch north, sablefish south, slope rockfish complex north, splitnose south, starry flounder, and yellowtail rockfish north). The GAP supports the current allocations for these species based on the performance of the fishery relative to the goals and objectives of the fishery management plan.

3) We are mindful that in September 2024 the Council expanded the scope of the review beyond those stocks included in Amendment 21 and included the suite of stocks allocated on a biennial basis. The report also contains useful information relative to these species. There is interest by some GAP members to explore the current allocation of one or more of these species, e.g. canary, during the biennial specification process.

4) The GAP cautions the Council on how it uses this report, particularly when it comes to the conclusions in the report relative to dependency of ports on the commercial and recreational fisheries. We also caution that the trends in the recreational catches reflected in the graphics can be misinterpreted given that the data excludes recreationally important species such as black rockfish that are not included in the Intersector Allocation Review document.

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