

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES  
SERVICE REPORT

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) appreciates the critical work completed this year by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in the areas of surveys, stock assessments, and regulatory actions even after about a 25 percent reduction in staffing. The GAP appreciates the updates of ongoing work presented at each Council meeting.

The GAP also appreciates the work involved in preparing mortality reports presented yearly in September. The GAP understands barriers to achieving an earlier annual completion of reports (such as the June Council meeting) are the levels of staffing and automation.

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