GROUNDFISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2025-2026, INCLUDING PACIFIC WHITING OFF-THE-TOP BYCATCH DEDUCTIONS – FINAL ACTION

Canary Rockfish

Commercial non-trawl fishermen have been encountering large amounts of canary rockfish while engaging in their directed shelf rockfish fisheries. This has led to regulatory discards of canary. It should be noted that non-trawl fishermen recommended reducing their trip limits prior to the start of the 2025 season following a recent pessimistic canary stock assessment. Working from the Agenda Item F.6.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) recommends the following:

Open Access North of 40˚10'N Lat.

The GAP supports GMT **Option 2**: 2,000 lb. every 2/months

Limited Entry North of 40˚10'N Lat.

The GAP supports GMT **Option 2**: 4,000 lb. every 2/months

Open Access South of 40˚10' N Lat.

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The GAP notes that the adjustments for canary are not necessary for the beginning of 2026. However, if a special meeting is held to adopt final action for this and/or other agenda items, then the Council should consider adopting them at that meeting.

Pacific Whiting Set Asides

The GAP recommends maintaining a 750 mt set-aside to accommodate 2026 incidental mortality of Pacific whiting in research activities and in the pink shrimp fishery.

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