

**GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FINAL ACTION ON INSEASON  
 ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2017 AND 2018**

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) met with the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) to discuss progress of this year’s fishery and possible inseason adjustments. The GMT discussion was led by Ms. Jessi Doerpinghaus. The GAP offers the following recommendations and comments on proposed inseason adjustments to ongoing groundfish fisheries.

**2018 Sablefish Fixed Gear Daily Trip Limit (DTL)**

Adjustments to the 2018 DTL fisheries in the north are necessary, as the “no action” projected landings and attainment are too high. The GMT has provided a trip limit option in **Table 7** that brings the projected landings and attainment estimates to a more satisfactory level.

**Open Access Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery North of 36° N. Latitude**

The GAP supports GMT **Alternative 1**: 300 lbs. daily/1000 lbs. weekly/2,000 lbs. bimonthly

**Limited Entry Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery North of 36° N. Latitude**

The GAP supports GMT **Alternative 1**: 1,100 lbs. weekly, not to exceed 3,300 lbs. bimonthly

**2018 Big Skate Trip Limits for Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota Program**

The GAP requested that the GMT analyze higher big skate trip limits for the shorebased individual fishing quota program for 2018. The GMT has suggested there may be room for small trip limit increases. Referencing GMT Table 4 the GAP supports alternative two.

ALT	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Projected mt	% of Quota
	Period 1		Period 2		Period 3		Period 4		Period 5		Period 6			
SQ	5,000		25,000		30,000		35,000		10,000		5,000		327	88%
ALT 1	5,000		25,000		35,000		40,000		10,000		5,000		347	94%
ALT 2	5,000		30,000		35,000		40,000		15,000		5,000		363	98%

(Table 4 from Agenda Item F.13.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1)

**Limited Entry and Open Access Fixed Gear Lingcod North of 40° 10' N. Latitude**

Referencing GMT Table 9 (below), the GAP supports alternative 3. This would provide the most opportunity for industry by increasing winter time access, and also provides a steady flow of fish to markets, while still being conservative regarding yelloweye rockfish impacts.

Sector	Alt.	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
LE	SQ	200 lb/2 months		1,200 lb/2 months			600 lb/ mo    200 lb/ mo
	Alt 1	1,000 lb/ 2 months		1,000 lb/2 months			500 lb/ mo    600 lb/ mo
	Alt 2	600 lb/2 months		1,400 lb/2 months			700 lb/ mo    400 lb/ mo
	Alt 3	600 lb/ 2 month		1,800 lb/2 months			900 lb/ mo    400 lb/ mo
OA	SQ	100 lb/month		600 lb/ month			100 lb/ mo
	Alt 1	500 lb/month		500 lb/month			500 lb/ mo
	Alt 2	300 lb/month		700 lb/ month			300 lb/ mo
	Alt 3	300 lb/ month		900 lb/ month			300 lb/ mo

(Table 9 from Agenda Item F.13.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1)

**Canary rockfish retention in an EFP**

The San Francisco Community Fishing Association and Dan Platt are requesting the ability to retain and sell any canary rockfish that they catch in their exempted fishing permit. They make this request for 2018, now that this stock has been declared recovered. National Marine Fisheries Service is correcting this oversight.