

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES
SERVICE REPORT

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) discussed the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) report and offers the following comments.

The GAP primarily focused on Agenda Item F.1.a, NMFS Report 2 (Rulemaking Timeline Status) Item R1; **Midwater Recreational Fishery off Oregon**; Proposed rule November and final rule winter of 2018.

The GAP is concerned that the processing of this item has slipped yet again.

Not having this fishery in place for 2017 has created economic hardship for the Oregon recreational sector, as noted by the Oregon Congressional Delegation (Agenda Item F.1.d Supplemental Public Comment 1).

We understand that the process has moved another step forward, having been approved by NW Region Counsel, and we urge the NMFS to expedite completion.

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