

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) reviewed the documents under this agenda item and offers the following comments and suggestions.

April 2018 PFMC, Portland, Ore.

The GAP considered the [Proposed April meeting agenda \(Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 2\)](#) and requests Agenda F.4, cost recovery, be unshaded and made part of the GAP and Council agendas. This issue has been of interest to the GAP for several years and the industry and NMFS have made progress on cost recovery discussions.

June 2018 PFMC, Spokane, Wash.

The GAP considered the [proposed June meeting agenda](#) and requests the GAP *not* be scheduled to meet on June 7 and instead start at 8 a.m. on June 8.

Joint GAP/SAS session

Given the intricacies of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) Biological Opinion and take of listed salmon in the groundfish fisheries and the interest in the forthcoming reasonable and prudent measures and pursuant terms and conditions, the GAP believes it would behoove the GAP and Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) to have a joint session to discuss these issues whenever and under whatever vehicle the Council chooses to move them forward (e.g., harvest specifications). GAP members are interested in maintaining the open lines of communication developed during the exempted fishing permit (EFP) process and development of the Biological Opinion.

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