

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS –
FINAL ACTION

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

The GAP appreciates the [NMFS Report 1](#) under this agenda item, as it provides valuable insight into salmon bycatch. We also appreciate the subsequent changes made to the sampling protocols.

Therefore, the GAP supports continuance of the 2018 trawl gear exempted fishing permit in 2019 – except for provisions that are no longer needed because of changes implemented in regulation – and inclusion of this issue on the June agenda. This would likely include the midwater trawl provisions but may include other provisions depending on the extent to which the Council-recommended gear rule has been implemented by that time.

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