

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

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

1. Trawl exempted fishing permits for 2019: The GAP supports inclusion of the midwater trawl gear EFP in 2019 on the June agenda. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) addressed this in its statement under this agenda item and the GAP supports that statement.
2. Retain the Thursday, June 7, GAP start in June: The GAP supports starting at 8 a.m. on Thursday, June 7, one day before the full Council begins meeting. This will give us time to consider and discuss issues and craft statements for agenda items that may come up on the Council floor on Friday, June 8. We also suggest shorting the GAP agenda by subtracting one day at the end (Tuesday, June 12).
3. Yelloweye Rockfish Absolute Abundance Survey Concept: As the [GAP noted in our statement under Agenda Item F.2](#), biennial harvest specifications, we support this survey concept as it could provide fishery-independent data from areas currently outside the scope of existing survey methods. The GAP supports inclusion of this issue on the September 2018 Council and advisory body agendas under Preliminary Topic Selection for Methodology Review Planning (COP25).