

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

On several occasions, the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) has supported a request from participants in the limited entry fixed gear sablefish tier limit fishery to amend regulations regarding ownership and control restrictions. Specifically, participants in this fishery are recommending these restrictions be similar to the trawl ownership and control limitations. It was the GAP's understanding that the Council and NMFS would be able to consider this request in workload planning after completion of the 2013-14 groundfish specifications process. The GAP understands that this regulatory amendment will require a two meeting process for the Council and subsequent rulemaking by NMFS; however, the GAP does not believe this is an overly complex action. The GAP requests consideration of this regulatory amendment in the 2013 Council process.

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