

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON 2027-2028 HARVEST
SPECIFICATIONS AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES PLANNING

Referencing the [Supplemental REVISED Attachment 1](#), Proposed Schedule for Developing the 2027-2028 Groundfish Harvest Specifications and Management Measures, the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) recommends the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) adopt this proposed schedule.

However, the GAP is concerned about the potential for virtual GAP and Groundfish Management Team (GMT) meetings during that time due to funding concerns. September and November 2025 are crucial meetings for stock assessments and getting into details of the harvest specifications process; virtual/remote advisory body meetings make it much more difficult to create comprehensive statements on issues like harvest specifications that are notoriously difficult to navigate.

The GAP recommends that the Council task the GMT with the following in preparation for September discussions:

1. Explore sub-trip limits for the shelf rockfish complex north of 40° 10' N. lat.
2. Explore changes to California recreational fishery to remove recreational Rockfish Conservation Areas in favor of management via sub-bag limits only.

Additionally, some GAP members recommend that the GMT explore allocation changes for canary rockfish.

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