

Draft SSC Report April 2022



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- Modify GOA Rockfish program to allow an earlier start date in the fishery in response to the loss of flatfish markets and adjustments to use caps
- The SSC *finds* the analysis sufficient for Council decision making at final action

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- The SSC ***recommends*** minor revisions to
 - utilize monthly information on landings and PSC, in particular reflecting PSC rates during the April 2021 emergency fishery
 - present evidence that the observed processor consolidation was not driven by the RP, and discuss whether proposed changes are likely to drive further consolidation
 - better connect temporal shifts in landings timing with crew and processing labor outcomes
 - integrate information on biology (timing of parturition) and habitat effects from shifting the season based on prior NEPA analyses, consulting with rockfish experts as necessary, to assess need for EA