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AP Recommends that NPFMC Form Stakeholder Work Group to Begin GOA Groundfish Rationalization

The Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Chinook bycatch discussion paper came up early on the Advisory Panel's (AP's) agenda today. The AP and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC or Council) are meeting this week at the Anchorage Hilton to discuss a number of issues. This morning, Julie Bonney of Groundfish Databank testified in front of the AP. She advocated moving forward "thoughtfully" toward a catch share program in all GOA trawl fisheries. Afterwards, the AP voted in favor of recommending that the Council form a stakeholder work group to begin GOA groundfish rationalization. The vote was 11 to 8. AP member Ernie Weiss, who is also the Natural Resources Director for the Aleutians East Borough, voted against it.

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