Draft Timeline and Major Milestones
for the Environmental Impact Statement on
Essential Fish Habitat for Pacific Coast Groundfish

Council adopts decision making framework
Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul 2002 2003
Report to Council
NMFS' Habitat Team kick-off; identify data needs; develop decision making framework
Council forms ad hoc Groundfish Habitat Tech. Review Committee
First meeting of the ad hoc Groundfish Habitat Tech. Review Committee
Kick-off Phase
Data Consolidation/Infrastructure Development Phase
Proof of Concept Phase

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HAPC Assessment Model complete

Council adopts preliminary alternatives for DEIS

Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan

EFH Assessment Model complete

Impacts Assessment Model complete

Complete Risk Assessment Delivered and Presented to Council

Council adopts final alternatives/FMP amendment for DEIS

EIS Oversight Committee develops initial alternatives

Database Improvement/Final Assessment Phase

Initial Policy Development/Scoping Phase

Final Drafting/Technical Editing

Note: completed assessment to be delivered in concert with complete "affected environment" chapter from PSEIS

Drafting of "Environmental Consequences"
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- Publish Proposed Rule and NOA for FMP Amendment (begin Secretarial Review)
- RA Decision on FMP Amendment; AA Signs ROD
- Publish Final Rule
- Final Rule Becomes Effective
- Council adopts draft FEIS/FMP Amendment
- EPA publishes NOA for FEIS

Public Comment
Document Improvement/Final Policy Development Phase

Secretarial Review
Final Implementation

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