

Proposed Open Access Groundfish Fishery Conversion to Limited Entry and Permit Implementation Schedule

<b>Step</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Control date set (first) for OA fishery permit program	April 1998
Groundfish Strategic Plan recommends OA fishery permit program	October 2000
OA fishery permit program planning	January 2001-April 2002
Council discussion continues on need for OA fishery permit program in the context of other groundfish issues	November 2002-June 2006
Control date set (second) for OA fishery permit program	September 2006
Overview, scoping and Council direction for OA permit program	June 2007
Evaluation of alternatives and preparation of preliminary draft environmental assessment (EA)	June 2007-February 2008
Council meeting to review EA and amend alternatives	March 2008
Analyze amended alternatives and prepare updated draft EA	April-August 2008
Groundfish Allocation Committee meeting	July 2008
Council meeting: adopt final alternative, if appropriate	September 2008
Council meeting: consider final adoption if not done in September 2008	March 2009
Implementation phase and initial permit issuance	April-December 2009
B and C permits required	January 2010

Advisory body and public input will be received at regularly scheduled Council meetings.

Shaded = Future Possible Schedule