

Table 2. DRAFT Timeline for electronic monitoring (EM) rulemaking and exempted fishing permit (EFP) process, absent a workload feasibility assessment.

Task	2014				2015				
	April-May	June-August	Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan-Feb	March-May	June-Aug	Sept	Oct-Dec
EM Rulemaking	<p>Provide update at April Council meeting;</p> <p>Determine NEPA document, (EA or EIS decision)¹; continue drafting NEPA document.</p>	<p>Council selects preliminary preferred alternatives at June Council meeting; further develop NEPA document.</p>	<p>Council selects preferred alternatives at Sept Council meeting.</p>	<p>Complete NEPA document; start implementation/approval process; draft regulations; regulation deeming process; submit Paperwork Reduction Act collection of information request (6 months lead time).</p>	<p>Publish Proposed Rule.</p>	<p>Address public comment Final Rule effective Jan 1, 2016.</p>			
EFP	<p>At April Council meeting, EFP application review by SSC, GMT, GAP, and Council and Council decision on preliminary approval; determine NEPA document; identification of responsible party for NEPA document. Begin drafting EFP NEPA document.</p>	<p>At June Council meeting, Council final decision on recommending EFPs to NMFS for implementation.</p>	<p>Submit Paperwork Reduction Act collection of information request (6 months lead time); draft EFP regulations and EFP permits.</p>	<p>Finalize NEPA document for EFPs; <i>Federal Register</i> notice of intent to issue permits (15-day comment period).</p>	<p>First implementation of EFPs possible by March 2015, dependent on competing NMFS workload.</p>	<p>Preliminary report/feedback to Council regarding EFP findings.</p>	<p>Report to Council on EFP progress and findings; Council discussion regarding continuation of EFPs.</p>		

¹ The balance of this schedule presumes the NEPA document is an Environmental Assessment and not an Environmental Impact Statement.