

TRAWL RATIONALIZATION APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

The approval and implementation process will include five parts:

1. **EIS.** Submission of a draft and final environmental impact statement (EIS) (National Environmental Protection Act process public comment period on the draft EIS).
2. **Rules.** Submission of at least three proposed and final rules (one on data collection, the other on the main body of the trawl rationalization policy, and the third and any subsequent on other miscellaneous implementation measures).
3. **Recommendations (Rec).** Formal submission of the Council policy recommendations (Amendment 20) under the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA). (MSA process public comment period on Council recommendations).
4. **Decisions (Dec).** NMFS decision on whether or not to approve Council recommendations.
5. **Implementation (Impl.)** Implementation, if approved by NMFS.

Note that the intersector allocation amendment ([Amendment 21](#)) will be on a similar schedule and the rule making for Amendment 21 will be combined with that for trawl rationalization ([Amendment 20](#)). The following table provides the anticipated schedule and tracks progress for Amendment 20.

Approval Process	Schedule	Status
EIS. Finalization of Draft EIS and Related Elements of the Decision Package	Summer/Fall 2009	Complete
Rules. Drafting of Proposed Regulations	Summer/Fall/Winter 2009-2010	In Progress - NMFS/NOAA General Counsel
Rule (1) First Proposed Rule Submitted Topic: Collection of Ownership Data	September 16, 2009	Public Comment Period Ended
Rule (2) Council Review of Regulations Proposed for Second Rule Topic: Main Body of the Trawl Rationalization Policy.	Fall 2009 through Spring 2010	Scheduled for March 2010 Council Meeting
EIS. Submission of Draft EIS to EPA	Winter 2009	Complete
EIS. 45-Day Public Comment Period on Draft EIS	Winter 2009-2010	Completed January 19, 2010.
Rule (1). Finalization of Rule on Collection of Ownership Data	Winter 2010	Complete: Published January 29, 2010
Rec and Rule (2). Formal submission of Council MSA Recommendations and Proposed Regulations to NMFS	Spring 2010	

Rec and Rule (2). 45-60 Day MSA Process Public Comment on Trawl Rationalization Fishery Management Plan Amendment and Proposed Implementing Regulations (Rule 2)	Spring 2010	
Rule (3). Council Review of Regulations Proposed for Third Rule. Topic: Tracking, Monitoring, Fees, Etc.	Spring 2010	
Dec. NMFS Decision to Approve or Disapprove Council Recommendations	Summer 2010	
Rule (3). Submission of Third Proposed Rule for Public Comment	Summer 2010	
Impl. QS Application Process	Fall 2010	
Rule (3). Finalization of Rule on Tracking, Monitoring, Fees, Etc.	Fall/Winter 2010	
Impl. IFQ Required for Groundfish Trawl Vessels Making Shoreside Landings, Co-op Structures in Place for At-Sea Whiting Fishery	January 1, 2011	

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