

**Draft Rulemaking Plan for 2014**  
***Groundfish and Halibut***

In addition to a list of groundfish and halibut rules that have already been proposed and/or completed over 2014, NMFS is providing a list of rulemakings that are in progress over the remainder of 2014.

Completed rules:

1. Trawl Cost Recovery, Final Rule (12/11/2013, effective 1/10/2014)
2. Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan, Proposed Rule (2/6/2014)
3. Observer/Catch Monitor, Proposed Rule (2/19/2014)
4. Whiting Fishery Allocations, Proposed Rule (2/28/2014)
5. Trawl Program Improvement and Enhancement (PIE 2) Rule, Correction (3/5/2014)
6. Trawl Chafing Gear, Proposed Rule (3/19/2014)
7. Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan, Final Rule (4/4/2014)
8. Trawl Chafing Gear, Proposed Rule Correction (4/4/2014)
9. Inseason Action (4/9/2013)
10. Trawl Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA), Final Rule (4/17/2014)
11. Whiting Fishery Allocations, Final Rule (5/13/2014)
12. Trawl Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA), Correction (5/13/2014)
13. 13-14 Specifications, Trawl Allocations, Correction (5/16/2014)

In Progress:

<p><b>1. Chafing Gear Rule</b>          Timing: Final rule – summer 2014          Effective – summer 2014          Includes: changes to chafing gear requirements          Sectors affected: limited entry (LE) trawl (IFQ/MS/C/P)</p>	<p><b>6. Whiting Clean-up Rule</b>          Timing: Proposed Rule – fall 2014          Final rule – December 2014          Effective – January 1, 2015          Includes: whiting IFQ must have 50% whiting by weight, disposition of maximized retention catch, only midwater in RCA north of 40°10' N. lat.          Sectors affected: LE trawl (IFQ/MS/C/P)</p>
<p><b>2. Observer/Catch Monitor Rule</b>          Timing: Final rule – summer 2014          Effective – summer 2014          Includes: permitting for new observer providers, observer safety, minor revisions          Sectors affected: LE trawl (IFQ/MS/C/P)</p>	<p><b>7. Whiting Season Date Rule</b>          Timing: Proposed Rule – winter 2014/2015          Final rule – spring 2015          Effective – ~ May 2015          Includes: IFQ whiting season date starts May 15          Sectors affected: LE trawl (IFQ, MS, C/P)</p>
<p><b>3. Seabird Rule</b>          Timing: Proposed Rule – summer 2014          Final rule – 2014          Effective – 2014          Includes: mandatory streamer lines          Sectors affected: LE and open access (OA) fixed gear</p>	<p><b>8. AMP pass-thru Rule</b>          Timing: Proposed Rule – fall 2014          Final rule – December 2014          Effective – January 1, 2015          Includes: pass through of the AMP QP to QS owners          Sectors affected: LE trawl (IFQ)</p>
<p><b>4. 2015/2016 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures, Amendment 24</b>          Timing: Proposed Rule – fall 2014          Final rule – December 2014          Effective – January 1, 2015          Includes: groundfish harvest levels, allocations, commercial trip limits, bag limits, etc.          Sectors affected: Tribal, LE trawl, LE fixed gear, OA, and recreational</p>	<p><b>9. Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan, 2015</b>          Timing: Proposed Rule – December 2014          Final rule – March 2015          Effective – March 2015          Includes: changes to commercial and recreational halibut fisheries for Area 2A          Sectors affected: LE and OA fixed gear</p>
<p><b>5. Sablefish Rule</b>          Timing: Proposed Rule – fall 2014          Final rule – winter 2014/2015          Effective – April 1, 2015          Includes: Registering a LE trawl and fixed gear permit to a vessel at same time (joint registration), sablefish-endorsed LE fixed gear ownership issues, electronic fish tickets          Sectors affected: LE trawl (IFQ), LE fixed gear, OA</p>	