

**Proposed Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Review Process and Schedule**

(Schedule (Path 1 or Path 2) dependent on complexity and scope of proposed changes)

<b>Timing</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Comments &amp; Concerns</b>
<b>Common Initial Planning and Schedule</b>		
<b>2010</b>		
Sep Council Mtg	Council: - Review & comment on preliminary plan - Approve Notice for Review	Limited staff involvement due to workload on ACL's, trailing A-20 amendments, Salmon EFH & methodology, halibut allocation, & sardine mgmt
Sep 21	Staff: - Issue notice of EFH review & request for proposed adjustments with deadline of Nov 19	
Early Dec	EFHRC Meets: - Review & identify scope of & workload for reviewing & recommending potential changes - Make recommendations for process (COP 22)	
<b>2011</b>		
Mar or Apr Council Mtg	Council: - Review EFHRC recommendations - Determine process & schedule (Path 1 or Path 2) dependent on complexity and breadth of possible changes	Limited staff involvement due to Feb-Apr workload on ACL's, salmon pre-season process & EFH, & halibut allocation
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<b>Initiate Path 1: In the Case of Minor Adjustments to EFH</b>		
<b>2011</b>		
Apr - mid Oct	EFHRC Meets: - Work assignments & coordination to complete review - Develop draft report & recommendations to Council	
Nov Council Mtg	Council: - Approve report & recommendations for public review	
Dec - Feb 2012	EFHRC Meets: - Make any needed refinements in draft report	
<b>2012</b>		
Mar Council Mtg	Council: - Approve final report and, if needed, FMP Amendment Schedule	
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<b>Initiate Path 2: In the Case of Complex or Controversial Adjustments</b>		
<b>2011</b>		
Apr- Dec	EFHRC Meets: - Work assignments & coordination to complete review - Develop draft report & recommendations to Council	
<b>2012</b>		
Jan- mid Aug	EFHRC Meets: - Complete draft report & recommendations to Council	Final GF mgmt specs. in Jun
Sep Council Mtg	Council: - Adopt EFHRC Report for Public Review	
Nov Council Mtg	Council: - Approve final report & FMP amendment schedule	