

Rulemaking Plan for 2014
Groundfish and Halibut

In addition to a list of groundfish and halibut actions that have already published over 2014, NMFS is providing a list of rulemakings that are in progress over the remainder of 2014.

Published:

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 (4/9/2014)
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)
14. Inseason Action (7/25/2014)
15. List of Authorized Fisheries and Gear, Proposed Rule (8/7/2014)

In Progress:

This list of rulemakings and other actions cross references numbering and items from the Council's Agenda Item J.1.a, Attachment 1 and describes their status. Items shaded grey are not currently being actively worked on by NMFS in 2014 and are discussed in NMFS Report 2.

	Sector	Short Title	NMFS status
A. Items on Which Council Action Has Been Completed Which Still Entail Some Workload			
1.	Tribal, Trawl, Non-Trawl, Rec	2015-2016 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures and Amendment 24	Spex/Am 24 Rule Proposed Rule – fall 2014 Final rule – February 2015 Effective – March 1, 2015
2.	Trawl and Non-Trawl	Seabird Rule - Mandatory Streamers for vessels ≥ 55'	Seabird Rule Proposed Rule – summer 2014 Final rule – 2014 Effective – 2014
3.	Trawl and Non-Trawl	Clarify Catch Accounting Rules for Amendment 21	<i>see NMFS Report 2</i>
4.	Trawl and Non-Trawl	Fishery Declaration Enhancements	Sablefish Rule Proposed Rule – summer 2015 Final rule – fall 2015 Effective – April 1, 2016
5.	Trawl IFQ, MS, & CP	Cost Recovery Corrections	<i>see NMFS Report 2</i>
6.	Trawl IFQ & MS	Electronic Monitoring Exempted Fishing Permits	Reviewing EFPs for possible implementation Setting up infrastructure Target implementation for fishing year 2015
7.	Trawl IFQ & MS	Pacific Dawn Lawsuit Appeal to District Court (Whiting Allocation)	Oral argument

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8.	Trawl IFQ, MS & CP	Whiting Cleanup Rule, Including Maximized Retention Regulations	Whiting Cleanup Rule Proposed Rule – fall 2014 Final rule – winter 2014/2015 Effective – before May 2015 Includes: whiting IFQ must have 50% whiting by weight, disposition of maximized retention catch, only midwater in RCA N of 40°10'
9.	Trawl CP	Glacier Fish Co Lawsuit (Cost Recovery)	Briefing and oral argument in fall of 2014 Outcome could result in additional workload
10.	Trawl IFQ & Non-Trawl	Joint Registration and Prohibition of Processing IFQ Sablefish	Sablefish Rule Proposed Rule – summer 2015 Final rule – fall 2015 Effective – April 1, 2016
11.	Trawl IFQ	Move Shorebased Whiting Season Opening Dates	Whiting Season Date Rule Proposed Rule – winter 2014/2015 Final rule – spring 2015 Effective – May 2015
12.	Trawl IFQ	Continue Adaptive Management Program Pass-Through	AMP/Pre-Spex Rule Proposed Rule – September 2014 Final rule – December 2014 Effective – January 1, 2015 Includes: AMP pass-thru, interim IFQ issuance Sectors affected: all commercial sectors
13.	Trawl IFQ	Update eTicket for Web-based Submissions	Sablefish Rule Proposed Rule – summer 2015 Final rule – fall 2015 Effective – April 1, 2016
14.	Trawl IFQ	Rule for Redistribution of Excessive Aggregate NonWhiting QS	NMFS policy for future Council input
15.	LEFG	Revise Limited Entry Fixed Gear Permit Control Rule	Sablefish Rule Proposed Rule – summer 2015 Final rule – fall 2015 Effective – April 1, 2016
16.	LEFG and OA	Require E-Tickets for Sablefish Landings	Sablefish Rule Proposed Rule – summer 2015 Final rule – fall 2015 Effective – April 1, 2016
17.	LEFG and OA	Sablefish North of 36 Degrees - Allocation Correction	Sablefish Rule Proposed Rule – summer 2015 Final rule – fall 2015 Effective – April 1, 2016
18.	LEFG and OA	Logbooks for Fixed Gear	see NMFS Report 2
19.	OA	Amendment 22 - Open Access License Limitation	see NMFS Report 2
B. Immediate and Long-Term Commitments			
26.	Trawl, Non-Trawl, Rec	2015 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan (Sept and Nov 2014) and 2016 CSP (Sept 2015)	Halibut Rule Proposed Rule – December 2014 Final rule – March 2015 Effective – March 2015

Two additional rules were not included in this table and are near complete.

- **Chafing Gear Rule**
Timing: Final rule– fall 2014
Includes: changes to chafing gear requirements
Sectors affected: limited entry (LE) trawl (IFQ/MS/C/P)
- **Observer/Catch Monitor Rule**
Timing: Final rule– fall 2014
Includes: permitting for new observer providers, observer safety, minor revisions
Sectors affected: LE trawl (IFQ/MS/C/P)