

## 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)
16. Seabird, Proposed Rule (9/9/2014)
17. AMP Pass-thru & Start of 2015 Fisheries, Proposed Rule (10/10/2014)

#### **In Progress:**

	<i>Rule</i>	<i>Timing</i>	<i>Sectors Affected</i>
1	<b>Chafing Gear Rule</b> Includes: changes to chafing gear requirements	Final rule – Nov 2014 Effective – Jan 2015	limited entry (LE) trawl (IFQ/MS/CP)
2	<b>Observer/Catch Monitor Rule</b> Includes: permitting for new observer providers, observer safety, minor revisions	Final rule – ~ Dec 2014 Effective – ~Jan/Feb 2015	LE trawl (IFQ/MS/CP)
3	<b>Seabird Rule</b> Includes: mandatory streamer lines	Final rule – 2015 Effective – 2015	LE and open access (OA) fixed gear
4	<b>2015/2016 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures, Amendment 24</b> Includes: groundfish harvest levels, allocations, commercial trip limits, bag limits, etc.	Proposed Rule – fall 2014 Final rule – Feb 2015 Effective – Mar 1, 2015	Tribal, LE trawl, LE fixed gear, OA, and recreational
5	<b>AMP Pass-thru Rule, Start of 2015 Fisheries</b> Includes: pass through of the AMP QP to QS owners	Final rule – Dec 2014 Effective – January 1, 2015	LE trawl (IFQ)

6	<p><b>Whiting Clean-up Rule</b> Includes: whiting IFQ &gt;50% whiting by weight, disposition of maximized retention catch, only midwater in RCA north of 40°10'</p>	<p>Proposed Rule – fall 2014 Final rule – winter 2014/15 Effective – before May 2015</p>	<p>LE trawl (IFQ/MS/CP)</p>
7	<p><b>Whiting Season Date Rule</b> Includes: IFQ whiting season starts May 15</p>	<p>Proposed Rule – winter 2014/15 Final rule – spring 2015 Effective – May 2015</p>	<p>LE trawl (IFQ/ MS/CP)</p>
8	<p><b>Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan, 2015</b> Includes: changes to commercial and recreational halibut fisheries for Area 2A</p>	<p>Proposed Rule – Dec 2014 Final rule – Mar 2015 Effective – Mar 2015</p>	<p>LE &amp; OA fixed gear</p>
9	<p><b>Whiting Fishery Allocations</b> Includes: whiting fishery TAC and sector allocations (tribal, IFQ, MS, CP)</p>	<p>Proposed Rule – Feb/Mar 2015 Final rule – Apr 2015 Effective – May 2015</p>	<p>Tribal, LE trawl (IFQ/MS/CP)</p>
10	<p><b>Sablefish Rule</b> 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</p>	<p>Proposed Rule – summer 2015 Final rule – fall 2015 Effective – April 1, 2016</p>	<p>LE trawl (IFQ), LE fixed gear, OA</p>