

Work Planning Time Line^{1/} for Groundfish Annual Specifications and Rebuilding Plans (as of February 2003)

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2004 spex if there is a 4 mo. rollover of 03 spex 2/			STAR		GMT (5/5-9)	Council action- prelim. spex (6/17-20); Roll over decision	GMT (7/21-25)	DEIS (8/20)	Council action- final OYs, refine prelim mgt. spex (9/9-12)	DEIS (10/14)	Final Council action (11/4-7)	
2004 spex if there is no 4 mo. rollover of 03 spex			STAR		GMT (5/5-9)	Council action- prelim. spex (6/17-20)	GMT (7/21-25)	DEIS (8/20)	Final Council action (9/9-12)	DEIS to NMFS HQ (10/14); EPA (10/17); NOA in FR (10/24)	ER EA to NMFS HQ (11/21) 3/	Pub. comments due (12/8)
2005-06 spex									STAR (week of 9/15)	GMT (10/14-17)	Council action- prelim. spex (11/4-7)	
Amendment 16-1: P&S EA	Draft (1/31)	GMT (2/3-7)	Council Meeting Briefing Book (3/19)	Prelim. Council action (4/8-11)	Pub. Rev. (5/5); Final draft in Council Meeting Briefing Book (5/28)	Final Council action (6/17-20)	NMFS HQ (7/14)					
Amendment 16-2: EIS#1 DB, POP, lingcod, & canary RPs	Draft (DB) (1/31)	GMT (2/3-7)	Initial DEIS w/ cum. effects anal. (3/19) 4/	Scoping; Prelim. Council action (4/8-11)	Pub. Rev. (5/5); DEIS w/ cum. effects (5/28)	Final Council action (6/17-20)			DEIS to NMFS HQ (9/8); EPA (9/12); NOA in FR (9/19)		Pub. comments due (11/3)	FEIS to NMFS HQ (12/5); EPA (12/12); NOA in FR (12/19)
Amendment 16-3: EIS#2 cowcod, YE, widow RPs										DEIS (10/15) 4/	Scoping; Prelim. Council action (11/4-7)	
Amendment 16-4: EIS#3 boc, whiting RPs										The intent will be to follow the EIS#2 schedule if possible. Otherwise, these RPs will follow an April-June, 2004 Council meeting schedule.		

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2/ Roll over of 2003 spex for the first four months of 2004 assumes no NEPA analysis requirements.

3/ No proposed and final rule notice and comment period on Interim Regulations or Emergency Regulations for Jan-Feb 2004 (as in last two years).

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2005-06 spex		GMT	DEIS (Apr Briefing Book dead-line)	Council action-final OYs, refine prelim mgt. spex (Apr Council Meeting)	DEIS (Jun Briefing Book dead-line)	Final Council action (Jun Council Meeting)		DEIS to NMFS HQ (8/9); EPA (8/13); NOA in FR (8/20)		Pub. com-ments due (10/4); FEIS to NMFS HQ (10/18); EPA (10/22); NOA in FR (10/29)	ROD (11/29)	
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