

PROPOSED PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AND NATIONAL MARINE
FISHERIES SERVICE SCHEDULE AND PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING 2007-2008
GROUNDFISH HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

NOTE: This proposed schedule and work plan assumes preparation of an EIS. Highlighted dates are proposed, but yet to be decided.

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| July 20, 2005 | Council staff develops a draft proposed schedule, process, and work plan for developing 2007-2008 groundfish harvest specifications and management measures. |
| July 28, 2005 | Council staff and NWR staff teleconference to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Discuss and refine a proposed schedule, process, and work plan for developing 2007-2008 groundfish harvest specifications and management measures.2. Decide whether to recommend an EA or EIS. |
| September 9, 2005 | Council staff files NOI in the Federal Register to prepare an EA or EIS. |
| August 29 -
September 2, 2005 | The Groundfish Management Team (GMT), Council staff, and NWR staff meet in Portland, Oregon to draft a recommended schedule, process, and work plan for developing 2007-2008 groundfish harvest specifications and management measures. |
| September 19-23,
2005 | The Council and advisory bodies meet in Portland, Oregon to adopt: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. New stock assessments.2. A schedule, process, and work plan for developing 2007-2008 groundfish harvest specifications and management measures.3. Rebuilding revision rules. |
| October 11-14, 2005 | The GMT, Council staff, and NWR staff meet in Seattle, Washington to review new stock assessments and rebuilding analyses and draft a recommended range of 2007-2008 groundfish harvest specifications and preliminary management measures. |
| October 31 -
November 4, 2005 | The Council and advisory bodies meet in San Diego, California to adopt: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. New stock assessments and rebuilding analyses.2. Updated observer data and proposed methodologies to model bycatch in trawl and fixed gear fisheries.3. A range of 2007-2008 harvest specifications and preferred OYs.4. Adopt, or give guidance on, a preliminary range of management measures, including initial allocations. |

November 7, 2005- January 10, 2006	The GMT, Council staff, NWR staff, and agency staff develop: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Impact analyses of proposed management measure alternatives. 2. A preliminary DEIS.
November 14-15, 2005	The Allocation Committee meets to decide commercial-recreational allocation alternatives not decided at the November Council meeting.
November 16- December 31, 2005	State and tribal agencies hold constituent meetings to obtain input on recommendations for final management measures.
January 9-10, 2005	The GMT, Council staff, and NWR staff meet to further develop impact analyses of adopted management measure alternatives and/or those management measure alternatives recommended by the states and tribes.
January 11-13, 2006	The Allocation Committee, GMT, Council staff, and NWR staff meet to refine management measure alternatives and further develop impact analyses.
February, 2006	Whiting Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel meets to review a new whiting assessment.
March 6-10, 2006	Council and advisory bodies meet to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refine management measure alternatives for further analysis. 2. Adopt whiting harvest specifications and management measures for 2006.
March 15, 2006	Council staff or NWR staff releases alternatives analysis (and other key components of the preliminary DEIS) for April briefing book.
April 3-7, 2006	Council and advisory bodies meet to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt final 2007-2008 harvest specifications. 2. Adopt a preferred alternative of management measures.
April 17-21, 2006	The GMT, Council staff, and NWR staff meet in Portland, Oregon to analyze the preferred alternative of management measures adopted at the April Council meeting and to refine the preliminary DEIS for public review and presentation at the June Council meeting.
May 24, 2006	Council staff or NWR staff delivers the DEIS for the June briefing book and distributes a pre-submission review copy to HQ.
June 11-16, 2006	Council and advisory bodies meet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City, California to take final action on the 2007-2008 groundfish management measures.
June 26, 2006	DEIS P&E begins.
July 14, 2006	DEIS sent by Council staff or NWR staff to NMFS HQ.
July 17, 2006	DEIS received by NMFS HQ.

July 20, 2006	NWR sends draft proposed rule package to regional GC.
July 21, 2006	DEIS submitted to EPA.
July 24, 2006	Regional GC returns draft proposed rule package to NWR.
July 28, 2006	EPA publishes NOA, 45-day public comment period on DEIS begins.
July 31, 2006	NWR transmits proposed rule to HQ.
August 30, 2006	Proposed rule is published; 30-day public comment period on proposed rule begins.
September 11, 2006	45-day public comment period on DEIS ends.
September 29, 2006	30-day public comment period on proposed rule ends. FEIS sent to HQ.
October 2, 2006	FEIS received by NMFS HQ. NWR meets with regional GC to plan response to comments on proposed rule.
October 6, 2006	FEIS submitted to EPA.
October 12, 2006	NWR sends final rule package to regional GC.
October 13, 2006	EPA publishes NOA; 30-day cooling off period begins.
October 18, 2006	Regional GC returns final rule package to NWR.
October 30, 2006	NWR transmits final rule package to HQ.
November 12, 2006	30-day cooling off period on FEIS ends.
November 13, 2006	ROD signed no earlier than this date.
November 29, 2006	Final rule published; 30-day APA cooling off period begins.
December 29, 2006	APA cooling off period ends.
January 1, 2007	Groundfish fishery begins under adopted specifications and management measures.