

POSSIBLE OPEN ACCESS GROUND FISH FISHERY CONVERSION TO LIMITED ENTRY  
AND PERMIT IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

<b>STEP</b>	<b>DATES</b>
Council adopts final action	March 2009
NMFS develops permit issuance requirements	April – May 31, 2009
NMFS drafts proposed regulations and prepares proposed rule package	April – July 31, 2009
NMFS publishes proposed rule	September 1, 2009
30-Day comment period on proposed rule ends	September 30, 2009
Final rule/compliance guide published	November 30, 2009
Application period/public outreach	January - June 30, 2010
Deadline for B permit application	June 30, 2010
NMFS issues C permits	Continuous starting in late 2010
B and C permits required	January 1, 2011

**Note:** The current plan is that NMFS would provide applicants 45 days to make an appeal after a NMFS decision to disapprove a B permit application. NMFS would have 90 days to review an appeal and issue the final agency decision. NMFS anticipates that initial decisions on B permit applications will be issued both during the application period and after the application period (if applications are received near or on the application deadline date).