

**RULEMAKINGS AND OTHER MAJOR ACTIVITIES FOR
 GROUND FISH IN 2017 AND 2018**

NMFS provides a list of rulemakings and other major activities that are currently in progress.

Rulemaking Status:

	<i>Rule</i>	<i>Timing (Tentative)</i>	<i>Sectors Affected</i>
R1	Midwater Recreational Fishery off Oregon	Proposed rule – September 2017 Final rule – November 2017	Oregon Recreational
R2	Trawl Gear Modifications	Proposed rule - Summer/Fall 2018 Final rule - End of 2018	LE Trawl IFQ, Mothership (MS), Catcher-Processor (C/P)
R3	Electronic monitoring	Final rule – TBD (pending Council action in September 2017)	LE Trawl (IFQ)
R4	Widow reallocation	Final rule - Fall 2017	LE Trawl
R5	Vessel Movement Monitoring and 125 fm lat./long. changes	Proposed Rule - Fall 2017 (delayed due to prioritization of R1, R4, and A2)	LE and OA
R6	Amendment 21-3 At-Sea Sector Set-Asides for darkblotched rockfish and Pacific Ocean perch	Proposed rule – Summer 2017 Final rule – Fall 2017	Mothership (MS), Catcher-Processor (C/P)
R7	Correction to 2017-2018 Biennial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures	Correcting Amendment – Summer 2017	California recreational management measures
R9	Amendment 26 Blackgill Rockfish and Minor Slope Rockfish South Reallocation	Proposed rule – Spring 2018 Final rule – Summer 2018 (contingent upon available resources)	Shorebased IFQ Program, LEFG and OA

Major Activities:

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A1	Trawl Gear EFP (2017)	February 2017 Modifications in March 2017	LE Trawl (IFQ)
A2	Trawl Gear EFP (2018)	January 2018 (contingent upon Council action in September 2017)	LE Trawl (IFQ)

A3	Electronic Monitoring Non-whiting Midwater & Bottom Trawl	September 2017 Council agenda.	LE Trawl IFQ)
A4	Trawl Cost Recovery	Ongoing	LE Trawl IFQ, MS, C/P
A5	Salmon ESA Section 7 Consultation for Groundfish FMP	Final Council recommendations - April 2017; Biological Opinion to be completed in late 2017	LE Trawl IFQ, MS, C/P, Tribal, Open Access
A6	Seabird ESA Section 7 Consultation for Groundfish FMP	Completed April 2017.	LE Trawl IFQ, MS, C/P, LEFG, Tribal, Open Access, Recreational
A7	ESA Section 7 Consultation on Pacific Halibut Fisheries and Catch Sharing Plan (2018)	March 2017 Opinion expires in early 2018. Drafting Biological Opinion - Fall 2017; Biological Opinion to be completed in winter 2018	Non-Treaty directed commercial, incidental catch in salmon troll fishery & sablefish fishery, Treaty Indian commercial & ceremonial/subsistence, WA, OR, & CA recreational, IPHC survey
A8	Seabird ESA Section 7 Consultation for Pacific Halibut Fisheries and Catch Sharing Plan	Biological Assessment to USF&WS in Fall 2017 Biological Opinion from USF&WS January 2018	same as above
A9	Inseason Actions	Council decisions: -March 2017 - published, effective May 11th -April 2017 - published, effective May 12th -June 2017 - published, effective July 3rd	To be determined
A10	Magnuson-Act Scientific Research Permitting	Ongoing	Unlikely any
A11	EFH/RCA analysis for Draft Environmental Impact Stmt.	Council to take final action in November 2017	
A12	5 Year Catch Share Program Review	Council to adopt final report in November 2017	
A13	2019-2020 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures	September, November 2017, March, April, June 2018 Council meetings	All
A14	Challenge to Divestiture (Pacific Choice)	Ongoing	LE Trawl, Mothership (MS), Catcher-Processor (C/P)