

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS) REPORT
ON HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES (HMS) ACTIVITIES

Notice of Availability (NOA) and Proposed Rule to Implement Amendment 5 to the HMS Fishery Management Plan (FMP): Federal Limited Entry (LE) Drift Gillnet (DGN) Permit

On September 15, 2017, NMFS published a NOA ([82 FR 43323](#)) and requested public comment on Amendment 5 to the HMS FMP. The public comment period is 60 days, and will end on November 14, 2017. The publication of this NOA initiates Secretarial review of the amendment: NMFS has 90 days from the publication date to approve, disapprove, or partially approve the proposed changes to the FMP. Additionally, NMFS anticipates publication of and request for comments on the proposed rule to implement Amendment 5 to occur shortly after publication of the NOA. The public comment period on the proposed rule will be 45 days.