

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 – November 2017 Final rule – Winter 2017 (To be completed well in advance of Spring 2018 depth restrictions)	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 – December 2017	LE Trawl (IFQ)
R4	Widow reallocation	Final rule - Fall 2017 (To HQ on Oct. 18)	LE Trawl
R5	Vessel Movement Monitoring and 125 fm lat./long. changes	Proposed Rule - Will be picked up after R1 is completed (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 – Fall 2017 (To HQ on Sept. 12; FMP transmitted on Sept. 21) Final rule – December 2017	Mothership (MS), Catcher-Processor (C/P)
R7	Correction to 2017-2018 Biennial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures	Correcting Amendment – Fall 2017 (delayed due to prioritization of R1, R4)	California recreational management measures
R9	Amendment 26 Blackgill Rockfish and Minor Slope Rockfish South Reallocation	Proposed rule – Spring 2018 Final rule – Summer 2018 (tentative; 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 completion of A7)	LE Trawl (IFQ)
A3	2017-2018 EFP - Emely/Platt	2017 EFP Issued June 2017; 2018 Renewal - December 2017	LEFG, Open Access
A4	2017-2018 EFP - TNC et al.	Winter 2017 (contingent upon available resources)	LEFG, Open Access
A5	Electronic Monitoring Non-whiting Midwater & Bottom Trawl	November 2017 Council agenda.	LE Trawl IFQ
A6	Trawl Cost Recovery	Ongoing	LE Trawl IFQ, MS, C/P
A7	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	To be determined

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		-June 2017 - published, effective July 3rd -September 2017 - published, effective October 19th	
A10	Magnuson-Act Scientific Research Permitting	Ongoing	Unlikely any
A11	EFH/RCA analysis for Draft Environmental Impact Stmt.	April 2018 - Final Pref.	
A12	5 Year Catch Share Program Review	Council to adopt final report in November 2017	
A13	Catch Share Program Follow-On Actions	March 2018 - Range of Alts. September 2018 - Prelim. Pref. November 2018 - Final Pref.	
A14	2019-2020 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures	November 2017, March, April, June 2018 Council meetings	All
A15	Challenge to Divestiture (Pacific Choice)	Ongoing	LE Trawl, Mothership (MS), Catcher-Processor (C/P)