

RULEMAKINGS AND OTHER MAJOR ACTIVITIES FOR
 GROUND FISH IN LATE 2017 AND EARLY 2018

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

Recently Completed Rulemakings:

	<i>Rule</i>	<i>Timing</i>	<i>Sectors Affected</i>
1	Widow reallocation	Final rule -Published November 24, 2017	LE Trawl
2	Amendment 21-3 At-Sea Sector Set-Asides for Darkblotched Rockfish and Pacific Ocean Perch	Final rule -Published January 8, 2018	Mothership (MS), Catcher-Processor (C/P)
3	Correction to 2017-2018 Biennial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures	Final Rule -Published December 21, 2017	California recreational management measures
4	Inseason Action	November 2017 - Effective February 2, 2018	LE, OA, and IFQ

Ongoing/Upcoming Rulemakings:

	<i>Rule</i>	<i>Timing</i>	<i>Sectors Affected</i>
5	Midwater Recreational Fishery off Oregon	Proposed rule -Published December 19, 2017 Final rule-Spring 2018	Oregon Recreational
6	Trawl Gear Modifications Rulemaking	Proposed rule-Fall 2018 Final rule-Winter of 2018	LE Trawl IFQ, Mothership (MS), Catcher-Processor (C/P)
7	Vessel Movement Monitoring and 125 fm lat./long. changes	Proposed Rule-TBD; Will be picked up after R1 is completed (delayed due to prioritization of R1, R4, and A2)	LE and OA
8	Amendment 26 Blackgill Rockfish and Minor Slope Rockfish South Reallocation	Proposed rule-TBD Final rule-TBD (contingent upon available resources)	Shorebased IFQ Program, LEFG and OA
9	Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for 2018	Proposed rule -Published January 30, 2018; comments were due March 1, 2018 Final Rule-End of March	

10	Pacific whiting tribal allocation	Proposed Rule - Published January 24, 2018; comments were due February 23, 2018 Final rule-Spring 2018	
11	Electronic monitoring-whiting and fixed gear	Proposed rule -Published November 22, 2016 Final rule-March 2018	LE Trawl and fixed gear
12	Electronic monitoring-bottom trawl and non-whiting midwater trawl	Proposed rule-June 2018 Final rule-September 2018	LE trawl
13	Catch Share Program Follow-On Actions	March 2018-Range of Alts. September 2018-Prelim. Preferred November 2018-Final Preferred Rulemaking to follow	
14	EFH/RCA Action	April 2018-Final preferred alternative Rulemaking to follow.	

Major Activities:

	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Timing</i>	<i>Sectors Affected</i>
1	Trawl Gear EFP (2018)	Began January 1, 2018	LE Trawl (IFQ)
2	2017-2018 EFP - Emely/Platt	2018 Renewal-January 2018	LE and OA Fixed Gear
3	2017-2018 EFP - TNC et al.	Ongoing	LE and OA Fixed Gear
4	Trawl Cost Recovery	Most recent notice with fee percentages published December 29, 2017; Fee rate adjustment notice published December 26, 2017	LE Trawl IFQ, MS, C/P
5	Salmon ESA Section 7 Consultation for Groundfish FMP	Completed December 2017	LE Trawl IFQ, MS, C/P, Tribal, Open Access
6	ESA Section 7 Consultation on Pacific Halibut Fisheries and Catch Sharing Plan (2018)	Biological Opinion-to be completed March 2018	Non-Treaty directed commercial, incidental catch in salmon troll fishery & sablefish fishery, Treaty Indian commercial & ceremonial/subsistence, WA, OR, & CA recreational, IPHC survey

7	ESA Section 7 Consultation on Eulachon	To be completed March 2018.	
8	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	Non-Treaty directed commercial, incidental catch in salmon troll fishery & sablefish fishery, Treaty Indian commercial & ceremonial/subsistence, WA, OR, & CA recreational, IPHC survey
9	Magnuson-Act Scientific Research Permitting	Ongoing	
10	5 Year Catch Share Program Review	Council adopted final report in November 2017	
11	2019-2020 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures	Ongoing	All
12	Challenge to Divestiture (Pacific Choice)	Ongoing	LE Trawl, Mothership (MS), Catcher-Processor (C/P)