

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

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) provides a list of rulemakings and other major activities that have recently been completed or are currently in progress. All timing changes made from the March NMFS Rulemaking plan are underlined below.

**Recently Completed Rulemakings and Analyses (since last Council meeting):**

	<i>Rule</i>	<i>Timing</i>	<i>Sectors Affected</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>Pacific Halibut Catch Limits for Area 2A Fisheries in 2018; interim Final Rule</b>	<u>Published March 26, 2018; comments due April 25, 2018</u>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Final rule implementing the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan</b>	<u>Effective March 24, 2018; Published March 26, 2018</u>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Midwater Recreational Fishery off Oregon</b>	<u>Proposed rule</u> -Published December 19, 2017 <u>Final rule</u> -Published March 29, 2018	Oregon Recreational
<b>4</b>	<b>ESA Section 7 Consultation on Pacific Halibut Fisheries and Catch Sharing Plan (2018)</b>	<u>Biological Opinion</u> -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

**Ongoing/Upcoming Rulemakings:**

	<i>Rule</i>	<i>Timing</i>	<i>Sectors Affected</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>Inseason Action</b>	March 2017–effective April 14, 2018	LEFG and Recreational
<b>2</b>	<b>Trawl Gear Modifications Rulemaking</b>	Proposed rule-Fall 2018 Final rule-Winter of 2018	LE Trawl IFQ, Mothership (MS), Catcher-Processor (C/P)
<b>3</b>	<b>Vessel Movement Monitoring and 125 fm lat./long. changes</b>	Proposed Rule-TBD (contingent upon available resources)	LE and OA

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4	<b>Amendment 26 Blackgill Rockfish and Minor Slope Rockfish South Reallocation</b>	Proposed rule-TBD Final rule-TBD (contingent upon available resources)	Shorebased IFQ Program, LEFG and OA
5	<b>Pacific whiting tribal allocation</b>	<a href="#">Proposed Rule</a> -Published January 24, 2018; comments were due February 23, 2018 Final rule-Spring 2018	
6	<b>Electronic monitoring-whiting and fixed gear</b>	<a href="#">Proposed rule</a> -Published November 22, 2016 Final rule-April 2018	LE Trawl and fixed gear
7	<b>Electronic monitoring-bottom trawl and non-whiting midwater trawl</b>	Proposed rule-June 2018 Final rule-September 2018	LE trawl
8	<b>Catch Share Program Follow-On Actions</b>	ongoing	LE Trawl
9	<b>EFH/RCA Action</b>	ongoing	LE trawl

**Major Activities (Recently completed and ongoing):**

	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Timing</i>	<i>Sectors Affected</i>
1	<b>Trawl Gear EFP (2018)</b>	Began January 1, 2018, additional <a href="#">open enrollment from March 14-March 31, 2018</a>	LE Trawl (IFQ)
2	<b>2017-2018 EFP - Emely/Platt</b>	2018 Renewal-January 2018	LE and OA Fixed Gear
3	<b>2017-2018 EFP - TNC et al.</b>	Ongoing	LE and OA Fixed Gear
4	<b>Trawl Cost Recovery</b>	Most recent <a href="#">notice</a> with fee percentages published December 29, 2017; Fee rate adjustment <a href="#">notice</a> published December 26, 2017	LE Trawl IFQ, MS, C/P
5	<b>Salmon ESA Section 7 Consultation for Groundfish FMP</b>	<a href="#">Completed December 2017</a> ; Council discussing mitigation measures during 2019-20 harvest specifications and management measures	LE Trawl IFQ, MS, C/P, Tribal, Open Access
6	<b>ESA Section 7 Consultation on Eulachon</b>	To be completed May 2018.	
7	<b>Seabird ESA Section 7 Consultation for Pacific Halibut Fisheries and Catch Sharing Plan</b>	-Biological Assessment to USF&WS in Fall 2017 -Biological Opinion from USF&WS January 2018 -mitigation measures under	Non-Treaty directed commercial, incidental catch in salmon troll fishery & sablefish fishery,

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		development	Treaty Indian commercial & ceremonial/subsistence, WA, OR, & CA recreational, IPHC survey
<b>8</b>	<b>Magnuson-Act Scientific Research Permitting</b>	Ongoing	
<b>9</b>	<b>2019-2020 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures</b>	Ongoing	All
<b>10</b>	<b>Challenge to Divestiture (Pacific Choice)</b>	Ongoing	LE Trawl, Mothership (MS), Catcher-Processor (C/P)

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