

## NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE RULEMAKINGS AND OTHER MAJOR ACTIVITIES FOR GROUND FISH FISHERIES

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.

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

	<i>Rule</i>	<i>Timing</i>	<i>Sectors Affected</i>
<b>1</b>	April Inseason (incidental Pacific halibut, WA and CA recreational management measures)	<a href="#">Effective April 13, 2018</a>	Commercial and recreational
<b>2</b>	Advanced notice of proposed rulemaking-establishes control date of September 15, 2017 for gear switching	<a href="#">Published April 26, 2018</a>	Shorebased IFQ
<b>3</b>	Pacific whiting tribal allocation and fishery HG for non-tribal fisheries	<a href="#">Final rule published May 15, 2018</a>	

### Ongoing/Upcoming Rulemakings:

	<i>Rule</i>	<i>Timing</i>	<i>Sectors Affected</i>
<b>1</b>	Final Rule-Response to Comments on 2018 Pacific Halibut Catch Limits	July 2018	
<b>2</b>	Electronic monitoring-whiting and fixed gear	<a href="#">Proposed rule</a> -Published November 22, 2016 Final rule-June 2018	LE Trawl and fixed gear
<b>3</b>	Electronic monitoring-bottom trawl and non-whiting midwater trawl	Proposed rule-July 2018 Final rule-October 2018	LE Trawl
<b>4</b>	Trawl Gear Modifications	Proposed rule-Fall 2018 Final rule-Winter of 2018	LE Trawl IFQ, Mothership (MS), Catcher-Processor (C/P)
<b>5</b>	Vessel Movement Monitoring	Proposed rule-Fall 2018 Final Rule-Winter of 2018	LE and OA
<b>6</b>	2019-20 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures	Proposed Rule-Summer 2018 Final Rule-Fall/Winter 2018	All
<b>7</b>	Catch Share Program Follow-On Actions	ongoing	LE Trawl
<b>8</b>	EFH/RCA Action	ongoing	LE Trawl
<b>9</b>	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

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

	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Timing</i>	<i>Sectors Affected</i>
1	Trawl Gear EFP (2018)	Ongoing. See NMFS report under Agenda Item E.2. for the most recent update.	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 <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	Salmon ESA Section 7 Consultation for Groundfish FMP	<a href="#">Completed December 2017</a> ; Council discussing mitigation measures during 2019-20 harvest specifications and management measures; additional management measures to be discussed in November 2018.	LE Trawl IFQ, MS, C/P, Tribal, Open Access
6	ESA Section 7 Consultation on Eulachon	September 2018 Council meeting	
7	Seabird ESA Section 7 Consultation for Pacific Halibut Fisheries and Catch Sharing Plan	Consultation completed. Mitigation measures will be developed through the Council process.	Non-Treaty directed commercial, incidental catch in salmon troll fishery & sablefish fishery, Treaty Indian commercial & ceremonial/subsistence, WA, OR, & CA recreational, IPHC survey
8	IFQ Carryover	Carryover of IFQ for applicable species	LE Trawl IFQ
9	Magnuson-Act Scientific Research Permitting	Ongoing	
10	2019-2020 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures	Ongoing	All
11	Challenge to Divestiture (Pacific Choice)	Ongoing	LE Trawl, Mothership (MS), Catcher-Processor (C/P)