

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.

Ongoing/Upcoming Rulemakings:

	<i>Action or Rulemaking</i>	<i>Date and Link</i>
1	2019-20 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures	Proposed rule-September 2018 Final Rule-December 2018
2	Trawl Gear Revisions rulemaking	Proposed rule-September 2018 Final Rule-December 2018
3	Electronic monitoring-whiting and fixed gear	Proposed rule -Published November 22, 2016 Final rule-October 2018
4	Electronic monitoring-bottom trawl and non-whiting midwater trawl	Proposed rule-December 2018 Final rule-March 2019
5	Vessel Movement Monitoring	Proposed rule-Fall/Winter 2018 Final Rule-Early 2019
6	Amendment 28 - EFH/RCA Action	FMP Notice of Availability and proposed rule-Spring 2019 Final rule-November 2019
7	Amendment 26 - Blackgill Rockfish and Minor Slope Rockfish South Reallocation	Proposed rule-TBD Final rule-TBD Target implementation – January 1, 2020
8	Catch Share Program Follow-On Actions	Proposed rule-May 2019 Final rule-September 2019

Major Activities (Recently completed and ongoing):

	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Timing</i>
1	Trawl Gear EFP (2018)	Ongoing. See NMFS report under Agenda Item I.8. for the most recent update.
2	2017-2018 EFP - Emely/Platt	Ongoing-renewed for 2018
3	2017-2018 EFP - TNC et al.	Ongoing
4	Trawl Cost Recovery	Most recent notice with fee percentages published December 29, 2017; 2018 Annual Report will be presented at the November Council meeting.

5	Salmon ESA Section 7 Consultation for Groundfish FMP	Completed December 2017 ; Council discussing mitigation measures during 2019-20 harvest specifications and management measures. Additional management measures to be discussed in November 2018.
6	ESA Section 7 Consultation on Eulachon	September 2018 Council meeting; target completion in October 2018
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 starting in November 2018.
8	Magnuson-Stevens Act Scientific Research Permitting	Ongoing

Action	Category	NMFS Staff lead	PPA	FPA	PR	FR	Target implementation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2021-22 groundfish harvest specifications and management measures	Harvest specifications	Palmigiano	Sep-19, Nov-19	Nov-19, Jun-20	Sep-20	Dec-20	January 1, 2021									PPA	PPA/FPA		
2019 whiting specifications & Tribal allocation		Ushio			Jan-19	May-19	May 15, 2019	PR				FR							
2019 halibut specifications and catch sharing plan		Blair				Jan-19	Mar-19		PR	FR									
Salmon bycatch mitigation measures	ESA obligations	B. Hooper & Sawyer	Mar-19	Apr-19	Aug-19	Nov-19	January 1, 2020			PPA	FPA				PR			FR	
Seabird streamer line requirement		Kent	Mar-19	Apr-19	Sep-19	Dec-19	January 1, 2020			PPA	FPA					PR			FR
Humpback whale ESA consultation		TBD																	
ESA workgroup		TBD					tent. Feb 2019												
IPHC process administration	Treaty obligations	Blair			ongoing														
Whiting treaty administration		Ushio			ongoing														
Inseason management of groundfish fishery	Inseason management	Palmigiano			ongoing					FRN	FRN		FRN			FRN		FRN	
Inseason management of halibut fishery		Blair			ongoing														
Groundfish Management Team participation		Palmigiano & Harley			ongoing														
Amendment 28: EFH/RCA	Other	Hanshaw		Apr-18	Apr-19	Nov-19	January 1, 2020				PR							FR	
VMM rule		Penna			Dec-18	Mar-19				FR									
Trawl Rationalization Follow-on Actions		Sayre	Sep-18	Nov-18	May-19	Sep-19						PR				FR			
Amendment 26: Blackgill Rockfish Reallocation		B. Hooper			TBD 2019	TBD 2019	January 1, 2020												
Electronic monitoring non-whiting midwater and bottom trawl		M. Hooper			Dec-18	Mar-19	August 1, 2019			FR									
2019 Non-trawl EFP monitoring	Research	Massey			ongoing														
2019 Trawl EFPs monitoring		Palmigiano			ongoing														
Scientific research permitting and letters of authorization		Massey			ongoing														