

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS) REPORT ON HIGHLY MIGRATORY
SPECIES (HMS) ACTIVITIES

List of Fisheries for 2019 – Proposed Rule

On October 23, 2018 the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) published its proposed List of Fisheries (LOF) for 2019, as required by the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). The LOF for 2019 reflects new information on interactions between commercial fisheries and marine mammals. NMFS must classify each commercial fishery on the LOF into one of three categories under the MMPA based upon the level of mortality and serious injury of marine mammals that occurs incidental to each fishery. The classification of a fishery on the LOF determines whether participants in that fishery are subject to certain provisions of the MMPA, such as registration, observer coverage, and take reduction plan requirements.

Public comment closes November 23, 2018. More information, including how to comment, can be found here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/10/23/2018-23124/list-of-fisheries-for-2019>