

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT ON GROUND FISH
RULEMAKINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) provides the attached spreadsheet to update the Pacific Fishery Management Council and the public on the current rulemakings and activities underway by the NMFS' Groundfish and Permits branches.

Action	Category	Council Staff	Primary NMFS Staff	PPA	FPA	PR	FR	Target implementation	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan '20	Feb	
2021-22 groundfish harvest specifications and management measures	Harvest specifications	DeVore/Phillips	Palmigiano	Sep-19, Nov-19	Nov-19, Jun-20	Sep-20	Dec-20	Jan 1-2021							PPA		PPA/FPA				
2019 whiting specifications & Tribal allocation		N/A	Ushio			Mar-19	May-19	May 15-2019	PR		FR										
2019 halibut catch sharing plan		Ehlke	Kent/Blair			Mar-19	Apr-19	May 1-2019	PR	FR											
Salmon bycatch mitigation measures	ESA obligations	Phillips	B. Hooper	Jun-19	Sep-19	Jan-20	Apr-20	May 1-2020		ROA		PPA			FPA					PR	
Seabird streamer line requirement		Dahl	Kent	Apr-19	Jun-19	Sep-19	Dec-19	Jan 1-2020		PPA		FPA			PR				FR		
Humpback whale ESA consultation		N/A	TBD	TBD																	
ESA workgroup		Phillips	B. Hooper	Late April/early May; Council report at June meeting									RPT								
IPHC process administration	Treaty obligations	N/A	Kent/Blair	ongoing																	
Whiting treaty administration		N/A	Ushio	ongoing																	
Inseason management of groundfish fishery	Inseason management	Phillips	Palmigiano	ongoing					FRN	FRN		FRN			FRN		FRN				
Inseason management of halibut fishery		Ehlke	Blair	ongoing																	
Groundfish Management Team participation		Phillips	Palmigiano/Harley	ongoing				MTG	MTG			MTG				MTG	MTG	MTG			
Trawl logbooks	Other	N/A	Kent			Mar-19	Jun-19	Jul 1-2019	PR			FR									
Amendment 28: EFH/RCA		Griffin	Hanshew		Apr-18	Jul-19	Nov-19	Jan 1-2020					PR					FR			
VMM rule		Wiedoff	Penna			May-19	Aug-19	Jan 1-2020			PR			FR							
Trawl Rationalization Follow-on Actions		Seeger	Sayre	Sep-18	Nov-18	May-19	Sep-19	Jan 1-2020			PR					FR					
Amendment 26: Blackgill Rockfish Reallocation		DeVore	B. Hooper			May-19	Sep-19	Jan 1-2020			PR					FR					
Sablefish Management and Trawl Allocation Committee (SaMTAAC)		Seeger	Ames/Sayre	TBD								MTG									
Electronic monitoring non-whiting midwater and bottom trawl		Wiedoff	M. Hooper/Palmigiano			Dec-18	Mar-19	Aug 1-2019	FR												
2019 Non-trawl EFP monitoring	Research	Seeger	Massey	ongoing																	
2019 Trawl EFPs monitoring		Seeger	Massey	ongoing																	
Scientific research permitting and letters of authorization		N/A	Massey	ongoing																	