

Recently Published Groundfish Rulemakings

Amendment 29; 2021-2022 Groundfish Harvest Specifications and Management Measures

Proposed Rule

- [Notice of availability](#) published on September 2
- [Proposed rule](#) published on October 2
- Public comment period on both closed on November 2

Inseason Adjustments to Trip Limits

- [Inseason notice](#) published and effective on October 19

Salmon Bycatch Minimization Measures

- [Proposed rule](#) published on October 20
- Public comment period closes on November 19

Sablefish Tier Fishery Season Extension

- [Emergency rule](#) published on October 27
- Public comment period closes on November 26

Biological Opinion on the Effects of the Continued Operation of the Groundfish Fishery on Humpback Whales

- Signed on October 26
- Available here: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/west-coast-groundfish#management>

Action	Category	GF Branch Staff	Nov	Dec	Jan '21	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
2021-22 groundfish specs & implementation	Harvest specifications	Palmigiano												
2023-24 groundfish specs & implementation		Hanshew/B. Hooper			Planning									
Whiting specifications & Tribal allocation		Miller												
Whiting treaty administration	Treaty	Miller												
Salmon bycatch minimization measures rulemaking & implementation	ESA obligations	B. Hooper												
Humpback whale ESA consultation & next steps as necessary		B. Hooper/TBD												
Non-trawl logbooks development, rulemaking, and implementation		TBD												
ESA Workgroup		B. Hooper												
On-going requirements for all GF BiOps		All												
Sablefish Tier Program Catch Share Review	MSA requirements	TBD												
PRA renewals	Other legal requirements	Palmigiano												
Inseason management of groundfish fishery	Inseason management	Rotating												
Groundfish Management Team participation		Harley/Palmigiano; Hanshew/Studt												
EM delay rulemaking	Monitoring	M. Hooper/Sayre												
Bottom trawl/non-whiting midwater trawl EM rulemaking & implementation		M. Hooper												
EM EFPs		Kavanaugh												
Scientific research permitting and letters of authorization	Research	Massey												
Non-trawl EFP administration	EFPs	Massey/Moyer												
Trawl EFP administration		Massey/Moyer												
Rec EFP development and administration		Moyer												
Trawl allocation utilization (SaMTAAC)	Other	Kent/Sayre												
Whiting mothership utilization		Miller												
VMM fix (pink shrimp exemption)		Penna												