

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT ON  
RECENTLY PUBLISHED RULEMAKINGS & WORKLOAD

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

- [Final Rule](#) published on December 11, 2020
- [Correction Notice](#) published on December 31, 2020
- [Compliance guide](#) explaining measures in plain language
- Effective January 1, 2021

**2021 Harvest Specifications for Pacific Whiting, and 2021 Pacific Whiting Tribal Allocation**

- [Proposed Rule](#) published on February 16, 2021
- Comments due March 18, 2021

**Salmon Bycatch Minimization Measures for the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery**

- [Final Rule](#) published on February 23, 2021
- Effective March 25, 2021

**Paperwork Reduction Act Renewals - 60 day comment period**

- [Vessel Monitoring System \(VMS\)](#) [OMB Control Number 0648-0573]
  - Comments due by March 12, 2021
- [Vessel marking requirements](#) [OMB Control Number 0648-0355]
  - Comments due by March 23, 2021
- [Gear marking requirements](#) [OMB Control Number 0648-0352]
  - Comments due by March 26, 2021

**Cost Recovery Fee Percentages for 2021**

- Published in the [Federal Register](#) on December 10, 2020

Action	Category	GF Branch Staff	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan '22	Feb
2023-24 groundfish specs & implementation	Harvest specifications	Hanshew/B. Hooper												
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		Kent												
Non-trawl logbooks development, rulemaking, and implementation		Palmigiano												
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	Moyer												
Inseason management of groundfish fishery	Inseason management	Rotating												
Groundfish Management Team participation		Hanshew/Studt												
Bottom trawl/non-whiting midwater trawl EM rulemaking & implementation	Monitoring	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/Warpinski												
Whiting mothership utilization		Miller/Warpinski												
VMM fix (pink shrimp exemption)		Penna												
Non-trawl management/Emley-Platt		TBD												