

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT ON
RECENTLY PUBLISHED GROUND FISH RULEMAKINGS & WORKLOAD

Emergency Action to Temporarily Remove 2021 Seasonal Processing Limitations for Whiting Motherships and Catcher-Processors

- [Emergency rule](#) published and effective May 14, 2021 through November 10, 2021
- Open for public comment until June 14, 2021

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

- [Correcting Amendment](#) published on May 24, 2021

Inseason actions

- Incidental halibut retention limits in sablefish primary fishery published on [June 1, 2021](#)
- Incidental lingcod retention limits in salmon troll fishery published on [June 9, 2021](#)

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

- [Revised proposed rule](#) published on May 4, 2021
 - Public comment period closed on May 19, 2021
- Final rule transmitted to Headquarters on June 8, expected publication June 2021

Salmon Bycatch Minimization Measures

- [Final rule](#) for effectiveness of collection-of information-requirements published April 29, 2021
 - Deadline to submit 2021 Salmon Mitigation Plan proposals is June 28, 2021

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Action	Category	NMFS Lead	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
2023-2024 groundfish specifications	Harvest Specifications	Hanshew/B. Hooper										
Whiting specifications & Tribal allocation & reapportionment		TBD										
Whiting treaty administration	Treaty	TBD										
Humpback whale ESA consultation next steps	ESA obligations	B. Hooper										
Non-trawl logbooks development, rulemaking, and implementation		Massey										
On-going requirements for all GF BiOps		All										
Sablefish Tier Program Catch Share Review	MSA requirements	Kent/Moyer										
Inseason management of groundfish fishery	Inseason management	Matson										
Groundfish Management Team participation		Hanshew/Moyer, Studt										
SaMTAAC	Council initiatives	Kent/TBD										
Whiting mothership utilization		Miller/TBD										
Non-trawl RCA; Emley-Platt		Massey										
Non-EM Commercial EFPs administration	EFPs	Massey										
Rec EFPs		Moyer										
Bottom trawl/non-whiting midwater trawl EM rulemaking & implementation	Monitoring	Hooper										
EM EFPs		Kavanaugh										
Scientific research permitting and letters of authorization	Research	Massey										