

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

**Electronic monitoring**

- [Interim final rule](#) delaying implementation published on October 6, 2021; public comments accepted until November 5, 2021
- Proposed rule for bottom trawl/clean-up in progress, will align with delay

**Marine Mammal Protection Act 101(a)(5)(E) permit for pot gear**

- [Notice of proposed issuance](#) published on October 22, 2021; public comments accepted until November 6, 2021

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

- [Extension](#) published on October 25, 2021

**Inseason to increase sablefish and lingcod trip limits**

- [Final rule](#) published on October 29, 2021

**Emergency rule to extend 2021 Sablefish Primary Season**

- [Temporary rule](#) published on October 29, 2021; public comments accepted until November 28, 2021

**Vessel Movement and Monitoring Pink Shrimp Exemption**

- [Proposed rule](#) published on October 26, 2021; public comments accepted until November 26, 2021

**Meeting notice for Seabird Cable Strike Meeting**

- [Meeting notice](#)
  - Meeting will be held on December 10, 2021

Action	Category	NMFS Lead	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
2023-24 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		Massey									
On-going requirements for all GF BiOps		All									
Sablefish Tier Program Catch Share Review	MSA requirements	Moyer									
Inseason management of groundfish fishery	Inseason management	Rotating									
Groundfish Management Team participation		Moyer, Studt									
SaMTAAC	Council initiatives	Kent/Sayre									
Whiting mothership utilization		Moyer									
Non-trawl RCA; Emley-Platt		Massey									
Non-EM Commercial EFPs administration	EFPs	Massey									
Rec EFPs		Moyer									
Bottom trawl/non-whiting midwater trawl EM rulemaking	Monitoring	Sayre/Kent									
EM EFPs		Kavanaugh									
Scientific research permitting and letters of authorization	Research	Massey									