

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE RULEMAKINGS AND OTHER MAJOR ACTIVITIES FOR GROUND FISH FISHERIES

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) provides a list of rulemakings and other major activities that have recently been completed or are currently in progress.

Recently Completed and Ongoing Rulemakings:

	<i>Action or Rulemaking</i>	<i>Date and Link</i>
1	Tribal Usual and Accustomed Fishing Areas	Final Rule-published October 25, 2018
2	Inseason Adjustments for Commercial Fisheries	Effective October 9, 2018
3	Inseason Adjustments for CA Recreational Fisheries	Effective September 27, 2018
4	2019-20 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures	Proposed rule -September 19, 2018 Final Rule-December 2018
5	Trawl Gear Revisions rulemaking	Proposed rule -September 7, 2018 Final Rule-December 2018
6	Receipt of Application for Spec related Exempted Fishing Permits; public comment closed October 9, 2018.	Published September 6, 2018
7	Electronic monitoring-whiting and fixed gear	Proposed rule -Published November 22, 2016 Final rule-December 2018
8	Electronic monitoring-bottom trawl and non-whiting midwater trawl	Proposed rule-December 2018 Final rule-March 2019
9	Vessel Movement Monitoring	Proposed rule-December 2018 Final Rule-March 2019
10	Amendment 28 - EFH/RCA Action	Draft EIS published on September 28, 2018; Comments close November 19, 2018.
11	2018 Tribal Pacific Whiting Reapportionment	Public notice for reapportionment published September 24, 2018

Major Activities (Recently completed and ongoing):

	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Date and Link</i>
1	Trawl Gear EFP (2018)	Ongoing
2	2017-2018 EFP - Emely/Platt	Ongoing-renewed for 2018
3	Trawl Cost Recovery	Most recent notice with fee percentages published December 29, 2017; See the 2018 Annual Report under Agenda G.2.
4	Salmon ESA Section 7 Consultation for Groundfish FMP	Completed December 2017 ; Council will discuss Mitigation Measures under G.8
5	ESA Section 7 Consultation on Eulachon	Completed October 2018.

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6	Seabird ESA Section 7 Consultation for Pacific Halibut Fisheries and Catch Sharing Plan	Consultation completed. Council will discuss mitigation measures under G.5.

Action	Category	Council Staff lead	NMFS Staff lead	PPA	FPA	PR	FR	Target implementation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
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			Jan-19	May-19	May 15-2019	PR				FR								
2019 halibut specifications and catch sharing plan		Ehlke	Kent/Blair			Jan-19	Mar-19			PR		FR									
Salmon bycatch mitigation measures	ESA obligations	Dahl	B. Hooper & Sawyer	Mar-19	Apr-19	Aug-19	Nov-19	Jan 1-2020			PPA	FPA				PR			FR		
Seabird streamer line requirement		Dahl	Kent	Mar-19	Apr-19	Sep-19	Dec-19	Jan 1-2020			PPA		FPA			PR			FR		
Humpback whale ESA consultation		N/A	TBD	TBD																	
ESA workgroup		Dahl	Duffy/TBD	tent. Feb 2019																	
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																	
Amendment 28: EFH/RCA	Other	Griffin	Hanshew		Apr-18	Apr-19	Nov-19	Jan 1-2020				PR								FR	
VMM rule		Wiedoff	Penna			Dec-18	Mar-19				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		
Electronic monitoring non-whiting midwater and bottom trawl		Wiedoff	M. Hooper			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																	