

## NMFS Rulemaking Schedule

### 1. DATA COLLECTION RULE (75 FR 4684, January 29, 2010)

Rule includes:

- Requirement for ownership interest forms to be completed by May 1, 2010
- Notice for industry to make data requests & any necessary corrections by late May (when the initial issuance proposed rule publishes)

### 2. INITIAL ISSUANCE RULE

(proposed rule available for public inspection June 1, 2010; published June 10, 2010)

Rule would go forward with the Amendment 20 & 21 FMP Review (approval/disapproval) package, and would include:

- Allocations (from Am 21)
- Initial issuance/appeals regulations (IFQ, MS, C/P)
- Groundfish program regulation reorganization (necessary because of the trawl rationalization program and must be before spex; includes existing groundfish observer program regulations)

Deeming: March & April Council meetings

PR: June 2010

FR: Aug 2010

Implementation:

Application/initial issuance process: Aug - Dec 2010

Appeals: Sep 2010 – early/mid 2011

### 3. PROGRAM COMPONENTS RULE

Rule would include:

- Program components (IFQ gear switching, new observer program requirements, retention requirements, equipment requirements, catch monitors, catch weighing requirements, coop permits/agreements, first receiver site licenses, vessel QP accounts, etc.)
- Further tracking & monitoring components
- Mandatory economic data collection requirements

Deeming: April & June Council meetings

PR: Aug 2010

FR: Nov 2010

Implementation: January 1, 2011

<b>Projected Date (2010)</b>	<b>Action</b>
April 10-15	Council meeting (deeming initial issuance rule)
April 30	initial issuance proposed rule submitted to HQ
May 7	Am 20 & 21 transmitted from Council to NMFS
May 12	NOA for Am 20 & 21 publishes
June 1	initial issuance proposed rule available for public inspection, comment period opens
June 10	initial issuance proposed rule publishes
June 12-17	Council meeting (deeming program components rule)
June 18	NEPA: Am 20 & 21 FEISs submitted to EPA
June 25	NEPA: NOA for Am 20 & 21 FEISs published by EPA
July 12	Public comment period ends for NOA and initial issuance proposed rule
July 19	program components proposed rule submitted to HQ
July 26	NEPA: cooling off period ends for Am 20 & 21 FEISs
July 30	NEPA: Am 20 & 21 RODs signed
August 3	initial issuance final rule submitted to HQ
August 10	NMFS Decision on Am 20 & 21
August 18	program components proposed rule publishes
August 27	initial issuance final rule publishes; <b>Applications available</b> (for initial issuance of QS, MS permit, MS/CV endorsement with catch history assignment, or C/P endorsement)
September 11-16	Council meeting (program components proposed rule open for public comment)
September 17	Public comment period ends for program components proposed rule
September 27	initial issuance final rule effective, 30-day cooling off ends
October 26	<b>Application deadline</b> (for initial issuance of QS, MS permit, MS/CV endorsement with catch history assignment, or C/P endorsement)
November 1	program components final rule submitted to HQ
November 4-9	Council meeting
November 30	program components final rule publishes
December 28	program components final rule effective, 30-day cooling off ends
January 1, 2011	Implementation

**Key:**

C/P: catcher/processor  
EPA: Environmental Protection Agency  
FEIS: final environmental impact statement  
MS: mothership  
MS/CV: mothership catcher vessel  
NEPA: National Environmental Policy Act  
NOA: Notice of Availability  
QS: quota share  
ROD: record of decision