

**NPFMC Workplan of Recommended Actions in response to E.O. 14276**

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1	NPFMC	Completed Council actions awaiting NMFS implementation	Regulation and FMP change	§ 679, 680	Removal of Economic Data Reporting requirements	Reduces burden of additional paperwork	<b>Proposed rule in review</b> at NMFS. Council final action occurred in October 2025.
2	NPFMC		Regulation and FMP change	§ 680	Modification to eligibility requirements and use caps for crew quota shares in the BSAI Crab Program	Remove repetitive documentation requirements for C share holders	<b>Proposed rule in development</b> at NMFS. Council final action occurred in December 2025.
3	NPFMC		Regulation and FMP change	§ 680	Crab Program arbitration report and information requirements	Create more transparency about arbitration process to benefit future participants, remove redundant requirements	<b>Proposed rule in development</b> at NMFS. Council final action occurred in December 2025.
4	NPFMC		Regulation change	§ 679	Modification to maximum retainable amount calculations	Makes MRA calculations easier for vessel operators to comply with, reduces regulatory discards and potential for medical, mechanical, or weather issues to impact compliance	<b>Proposed rule in development</b> at NMFS. Council final action occurred in October 2025.
5	NPFMC		Regulation change	§ 679	Modification to the pelagic trawl gear definition	Streamlines procedures and requirements, allows flexibility for gear innovation	<b>Proposed rule in review</b> at NMFS. Council final action occurred in June 2025.
6	NPFMC		Regulation change	§ 300	Recreational Quota Entity Funding (charter halibut stamp)	Provides stability to charter business through tool to avoid restrictive measures such as day of week closures	<b>Implemented</b>
7	NPFMC		Regulation and FMP change	§ 679	Additional Pacific cod harvest opportunity for small vessels using hook- and-line or pot gear	Provides additional opportunity for small vessels to harvest cod, potential new participants	<b>Implemented</b>
8	NPFMC		Regulation and FMP change	§ 679	Small Sablefish Release – Operational flexibility for fixed gear to carefully release small sablefish	Additional limited operational flexibility to carefully release sablefish may increase the value of the commercial harvest.	Implementation planning and <b>proposed rule in development</b> at NMFS. Council final action occurred in April 2025.
9	NPFMC		Regulation change	§ 679	Area 4 Halibut IFQ Vessel Use Caps - Provide additional harvest opportunities for vessels that were constrained by the previous vessel use cap	Provide additional harvest opportunities for vessels that were constrained by the previous vessel use cap.	<b>Proposed rule in review</b> at NMFS. Council final action occurred in April 2025.
10	NPFMC		Regulation change	§ 679	Sablefish Season Start Time - Provide additional flexibility for NMFS to set the time of day annually for the sablefish IFQ fishery to open	Provide additional flexibility for NMFS to set the time of day annually for the sablefish IFQ season, to line up with concurrent halibut fishery	<b>Proposed rule in development</b> at NMFS. Council final action occurred in April 2025.
11	NPFMC		Regulation change	§ 679	Standardize the reporting time limit for assigning a management program to a haul, including Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program if applicable	Provides vessels with clarity about assigning hauls	<b>Final rule in review</b> at NMFS. Council consultation occurred in April 2019.
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13	NPFMC		Regulation change	§ 679, 680	Adjust annual timing and administrative processes for cost recovery and fee collection programs	Minimize incremental costs billed to industry	NMFS prepared discussion paper for Council consideration in April 2025, and Council <b>initial review of an analysis for adjustments in the IFQ program</b> is on the agenda for June 2026. NMFS is not currently pursuing other improvements.
14	NPFMC		Regulation change	§ 679	Allow use of NMFS approved scales in the sablefish fishery	Vessels already have scales onboard for other fisheries	NMFS intends to prepare a discussion paper for Council consultation once appropriate options are available from scale vendors.
15	NPFMC		Regulation and FMP change	§ 680	Evaluate earlier Aleutian Islands (AI) golden king crab fishery start date	Align AI golden king crab fishery and season dates with market opportunities available earlier in the summer	In Appendix A to the June 2026 Cost Recovery Initial Review analysis, NMFS provides <b>potential options for Council consideration</b> to allow the AIGKC fishery to operate in July.
16	NPFMC		Regulation change	§ 679	Changes to pot gear regulations to improve consistency across pot gear fisheries	Increases operational flexibility for vessels using new gear designs	NMFS intends to prepare discussion paper for Council consideration once staff capacity allows.
17	NPFMC		Regulation change	§ 679	Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) transfer, Community Quota Entity (CQE), and beneficiary changes (includes waiving or reducing the transfer eligibility requirements for CQE eligible community residents fishing CQE-held quota share)	Allow more fishermen to become eligible for quota share transfers	<b>Extended discussion paper</b> scheduled for Council review in October 2026.
18	NPFMC		Regulation and FMP change	§ 679	GOA Rockfish Program EM	Reduce burden and costs for Rockfish Program vessel operators	Requires considerable coordination from industry partners; NMFS and Council will facilitate ongoing work and development of an exempted fishing permit once capacity is available.
19	NPFMC		Regulation change	§ 300	Streamline the charter halibut management measures timing	Longer time horizon provides stability and increases opportunity for charter businesses to market client trips	<b>Discussion paper</b> tentatively scheduled for Council review in October 2026.
20	NPFMC		Regulation change	§ 300, 679, 680	Actions to streamline recordkeeping and reporting, also consistent with EO 14192, Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation	Removes regulatory reporting or recordkeeping burdens on fishery participants, and/or increases operational flexibility	NMFS <b>report on a proposed suite of measures</b> for implementation through MSA 305d authority scheduled for Council review and consultation at the June 2026 meeting.
21	NPFMC		Regulation and FMP change	§ 679	Lead level 2 observer certification changes	Increases the availability of qualified observers to avoid constraints on fishing	Council and NMFS intend to prepare an initial review analysis on this issue once staff at the Regional Office and at the Observer Program becomes available.

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22	NPFMC		Regulation and FMP change	§ 679	Eliminate weight deduction for delivering bled sablefish	Reduces burden on fishermen and incentivizes increased product quality	Council and NMFS intend to prepare an initial review analysis on this issue once NMFS capacity allows. Requires input and coordination with IPHC and ADFG staff.
23	NPFMC		Regulation and FMP change	§ 679	Changes in Bering Sea herring PSC management	Prevent area closures that do not serve a conservation benefit from affecting fishery production	<b>Initial review analysis</b> scheduled for February 2027.
24	NPFMC		Regulation and FMP change	§ 679	Groundfish FMP changes to streamline recordkeeping and reporting, and framework actions that can subsequently be implement through MSA 305d authority	Removes a regulatory reporting or recordkeeping burdens on fishery participants, and/or increases operational flexibility	<b>Initial review analysis</b> scheduled for October 2026.
25	NPFMC		National policy change		Rescind requirement for regular allocation reviews (Policy Directive 01-119)	Removes unnecessary burden on Council capacity	Council request included in June 2025 recommendation letter to NMFS HQ. The NMFS Fisheries Allocation Review Policy 01-119 does note that allocation reviews are a discretionary task.
26	NPFMC		OMB change		Eliminate OMB requirement to sequester North Pacific industry-paid observer fees that are not Congressional appropriations	Provides timely access to monitoring funds that are necessary for fishery-dependent data collection	Council request included in October 2025 recommendation letter to NMFS HQ.