Overview of the Fishery Management Process

Magnuson-Stevens Act Schedule

Transmittal Date

FMP/Amendment

5 Days

Notice of Availability (NOA) Published

60 Days

NOA Comment Period Ends

30 Days

Approval/Disapproval

Regulations

5 Days

Initiate Evaluation of Proposed Rule

Not OK → Return to Council

OK

15 Days

F Clears Proposed Rule

NOAA/DOC Review

5 Working Days

Send Proposed Rule to OFR

Publish Proposed Rule

45 Days

Comment Period Ends on Proposed Rule

30 Days

Publish Final Rule

30 Days

Final Rule Effective