

## Original FMP and Major Amendment Work and Timeline

### Notes :

- Each meeting generally involves polling for dates, meeting logistics administrative work, 23-day Federal Register notice for all except FMAT meetings, completion of analyses, packaging of analyses for briefing document, and staff travel.
- Each document review typically takes 2-4 weeks to get comments.
- Many steps involve communications processes such as press releases, website modifications/updates, mailings, fact sheets and outreach materials, and the handling of press and public inquires.
- Many actions involve bringing in multiple Council staff members.
- Many tasks listed below cannot begin until the previous task is complete

### Start– Council initiation

- A. 1-2 Months: FMAT creation
  - Letters to GARFO/NEFSC/ASMFC
  - GARFO/NEFSC/ASMFC internal assignments to FMAT
- B. 1.5-3 Months needed after initiation: Scoping document drafted, developed, and finalized
  - Staff drafting and potential review (1-3 weeks for review) with FMAT members
  - Scheduling of Scoping Hearing dates and locations, identifying hearing officers
- C. 1-2 Months needed after scoping document finalized: Scoping hearings
  - Substantial staff travel
- D. 1 Month needed after last scoping meeting: Complete summary of scoping comments/hearings
- E. 1-3 Months needed after scoping comments: Council meeting to review scoping comments and establish scope of topics for action
- F. 6-18 Months needed after Council establishes scope of action: Council/Committee/AP/FMAT/SSC (for ABC) meetings to develop and analyze alternatives
  - This is an iterative loop to develop and refine both alternatives and the analysis of impacts. For a new stock, alternatives could involve:
    - i. Identifying stocks to be managed, NEFMC/ASMFC coordination, developing reference points/proxies, ABCs, EFH, Management Measures to limit catch to ABC (ACLs, ACTs, AMs, gear restrictions, GRAs, trip limits, permits, etc.)
    - ii. Development of DEIS, submit to NMFS for review & preliminary approval
- G. 1-2 months needed after submission to NMFS: DEIS review (GARFO & NEFSC)
- H. 1-2 months needed after getting comments: perfecting document back and forth with NMFS
- I. 1-2 months needed after NMFS approves document: Council approves alternatives and draft EIS for public hearings
- J. 2-3 Months needed after Council meeting: final document perfection, submission to NMFS.
  - Timeline depends on any Council additions/edits/identification of preferred alternatives
  - Create separate public hearing document from EIS
- K. 3 months needed after final completion/submission of DEIS
  - Publish NOA and notice of public hearings and comment opportunities
  - Complete public hearings
  - Minimum of 60-day comment period (NEPA/MSA comment periods)
- L. 1 month needed after comment period closes: Summary of public hearing comments
- M. 3-6 months needed after comments summarized: review comments with Council/AP/Committee/FMAT, possibly modify alternatives, update EIS
- N. Council takes final action

- O. 2-4 months needed after final action: Staff perfects final EIS, submits to NMFS, NMFS and other agencies review, and staff makes final edits
- P. 4-7 months needed after EIS is completely finalized for NMFS rulemaking (proposed rule development, comment periods, response to comments, final rule, 1-6 months for effective date)

Shortest amount of time from initiation to final rule: 2.4 years

Maximum amount of time from initiation to final rule (assuming the action is a high priority): 4.75 years

#### Ongoing work for FMPs

AP Fishery Performance Reports

SSC/ABC support

Attending stock assessments

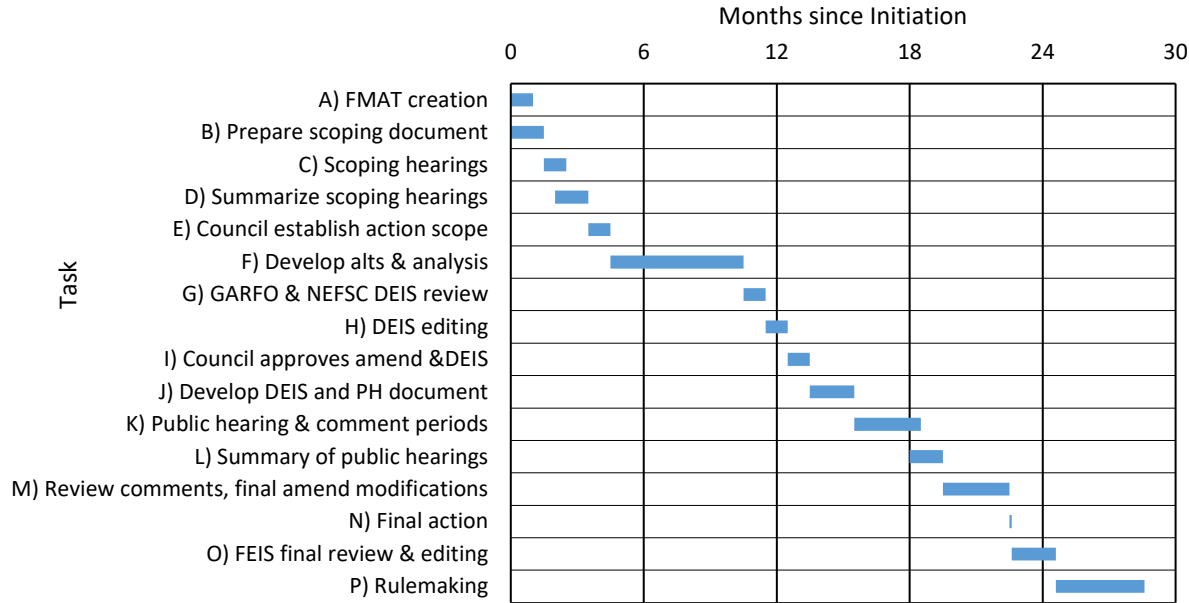
Specifications

Research projects

Related technical workgroups

Outreach

### Shortest Possible Timeline



### Maximum Timeline for High Priority Action

