Southern California Aquaculture Opportunity Area Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) Timeline



2022

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Notice of Intent published in the Federal Register (87 FR 31210, May 23, 2022).

A 60-day public scoping comment period including two public listening sessions and submitting written comment.

Review and summarize all substantive public comments, available at www.regulations.gov under docket ID NOAA-NMFS-2022-0051.

2023

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Published a public scoping report, available on the NMFS OAQ and WCRO AOA websites.

Finalized the alternatives, area of analysis, and the Purpose and Need based on public scoping.

Develop the Draft PEIS based on best available science, NOAA science support, and public scoping.

2024

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Develop the Draft PEIS based on best available science, NOAA science support, and public scoping. Target date to publish the Notice of Availability for the Draft PEIS: estimated July 2024. Target date for public comment on the Draft PEIS: estimated July through September 2024.