



Fishing Regulations in National Marine Sanctuaries



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NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY SYSTEM



OUR MANDATES



Resource Protection



Education and Outreach



Research and Monitoring



Community Engagement

Engagement with FMCs



NOAA also collaborates with FMCs to protect sanctuary resources and promote the role of FMCs in sanctuary communities

- Ban on commercial harvest of krill (West Coast)
- Additional MSA protections for corals and habitat inside NMSs
- FMC reps sit on Sanctuary Advisory Councils & working groups
- ONMS staff sit on RFMC working groups
- Collaborative work on education and outreach programs



Process for Fishing Regulations



Section 304(a)(5) of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act requires:

“The Secretary shall provide the appropriate Regional Fishery Management Council with the opportunity to prepare draft fishing regulations for fishing within the Exclusive Economic Zone as the Council may deem necessary to implement the proposed designation. ... Any amendments to the fishing regulations shall be drafted, approved, and issued in the same manner as the original regulations.”

NOAA Submits 304(a)(5) Package to Regional Fishery Management Council (RFMC)

RFMC Response

RFMC Determines Fishing Regulations Not Necessary

RFMC Prepares Draft Fishing Regulations

RFMC Declines to Act

NOAA Analysis

RFMC Action Accepted

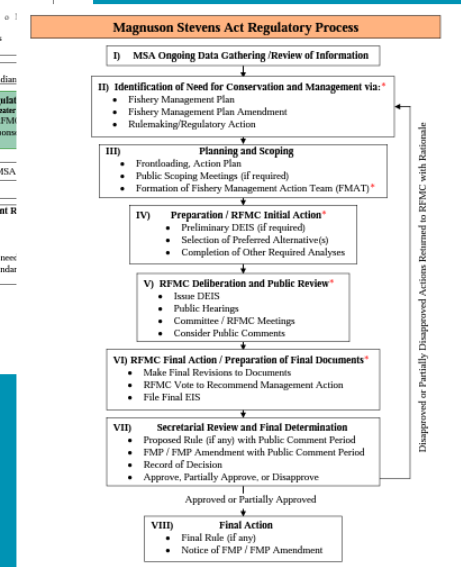
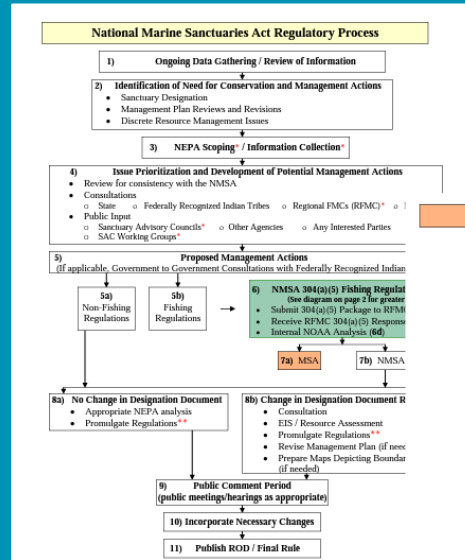
NOAA Determination

RFMC Declines to Act or RFMC Action Rejected

Review of Guidance



- NOAA 2008 Guidance
- Working internally to update
- Welcome Regional FMC input and ideas



Resources

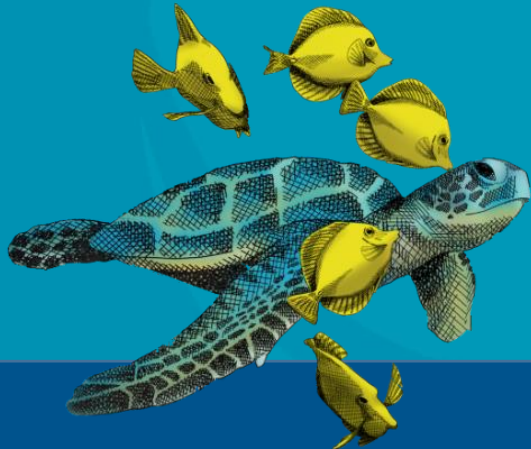


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