

MSRA Reauthorization Tracking: by Status of all tasks (30 items) – As of October 4, 2012

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Completed (29 items)				
Annual Catch Limits	Guidance	01/01/10	Completed	<p>* Annual Catch Limits must be in place for overfished stocks by 1/01/10. However, the task tracked here is GUIDELINES to be provided to NMFS/Councils to establish a mechanism for specifying annual catch limits.</p> <p>* A Notice of Intent published on 2/14/07 (72 FR 7016). The public comment period is closed.</p> <p>* The proposed revisions to the guidelines for National Standard 1(NS1) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act published on June 9, 2008 (73 FR 32526). Public comments will be accepted through September 22, 2008.</p> <p>* A notice of public meetings for the ACL proposed rule was published on June 26, 2008 (73 FR 36300)</p> <p>* A summary of comments received at scoping meetings, the proposed rule, and the RIR/IRFA may be found here: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/catchlimits.htm</p> <p>A final rule implementing ACL guidance was published January 16, 2009 (74 FR 3178) and will be effective February 17, 2009. The final rule, and additional information, may be found here: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/catchlimits.htm</p>
Bycatch	Program	01/12/08	Completed	<p>The incentives and seabird bycatch tasks (items 2 and 3) do not have associated statutory deadlines but are being tracked with the overall bycatch program task because these components are part of the overall bycatch reduction program in section 316 of the revised Magnuson-Stevens Act.</p> <p>A Policy Directive establishing this program was signed by NMFS on January 11, 2008. The Directive may be found at www.nmfs.noaa.gov/directives</p>
Conflict of interest	Report	01/01/08	Completed	<p>NMFS prepared guidance for the Councils on what information to collect for the annual report to Congress. This report has been provided to Congress on March 3, 2008, and is available at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/</p>
Council Liaison	Report	10/12/07	Completed	<p>The MA Council prepared this report in consultation with the NE Council. NMFS provided assistance as requested. The report can be viewed at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/</p>
Deep Sea Coral Report to Congress	Report	01/12/08	Completed	<p>The Report to Congress will draw heavily from "The State of Deep Coral Ecosystems of the United States", which was called for in the President's Ocean Action Plan. The status report was released on December 10, 2007 and can be found at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/dce.html</p>
Ecosystem Research	Study	07/12/07	Completed	<p>On March 25, 2009 NMFS released "Report to Congress: The State of Science to Support an Ecosystem Approach to Regional Fishery Management." That report can be viewed here: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/docs/tm_96_repto_congress_final.pdf</p>
Experimental Fishing Permits	Regulations	07/12/07	Completed	<p>A proposed rule was published on 12-21-2007 (72 FR 72657). See: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/docs/Proposed_Rule.pdf Extension published March 18, 2008 (73 FR 14428). See: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/otherprovisions.html Comment period ended on April 4, 2008.</p>

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				A final rule was published on 08-25-2009 (74 FR 42786). See: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/otherprovisions.html
Fishery Science	Report	07/12/07	Completed	The report on "The Shortage in the Number of Individuals with Post-Baccalaureate Degrees in Subjects Related to Fishery Science" is completed. This Report to Congress was issued to the Hill on Sept. 26th. A formal press release, web page, and media advisory to the general public were issued on Sept. 29th. For additional details and conclusions of the Report, please go to the following web address: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/scientistshortage/
Framework 42	Report	02/12/07	Completed	See: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/Framework42ReporttoCongressFinalFinal.pdf
Hurricane	Report	07/12/07	Completed	This report has been submitted to Congress and may be viewed at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/docs/HurricaneImpactsHabitat_080707_1200.pdf with errata: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/docs/errata_080707.pdf
Hurricane	Report	07/12/07	Completed	This report has been submitted to Congress and may be viewed at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/docs/Fisheries_Report_Final.pdf
IFQ Referenda Guidelines (LAPP)	Procedures	01/12/08	Completed	This project was discussed at the Gulf Council meeting on June 4, 2007: http://www.gulfcouncil.org/Beta/GMFMCWeb/downloads/committee%20schedule-607.pdf and at the New England Council on June 19, 2007: http://www.nefmc.org/calendar/index.html A proposed rule published on April 23, 2008 (see 73 FR 21893). The comment period is closed. A final rule published on December 15, 2008 (see 73 FR 75986) and is effective January 14, 2009. See: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/otherprovisions.html
International fisheries	Report	01/12/09	Completed	General information related to implementation of international provisions under the reauthorized MSA can be found at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/intlprovisions.html An advance notice of proposed rulemaking and request for public comments was published June 11, 2007 (72 FR 32052) to solicit public comments on proposed procedures for the identification and certification of nations whose vessels have been engaged in IUU fishing or bycatch of protected living marine resources. A proposed rule published Jan. 14, 2009, (74 FR 2019) comments were accepted through May 14, 2009. See: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/docs/iuu_bycatch_rule011409.pdf On January 13, 2009, NOAA submitted the first ever report to Congress identifying nations whose fishing vessels were engaged in illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing in 2007 or 2008. This report opens the way for consultations between the U.S. government and officials of each of the six nations to encourage them to take corrective action to stop IUU fishing by their vessels. See: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/docs/biennial_report011309.pdf On January 12, 2011, NOAA submitted its second biennial report to Congress. In the 2009 Report to Congress, the Commerce Department surveyed U.S. efforts to date to carry out these mandates and identified

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International fisheries	Definition	04/12/07	Completed	<p>Definition published in the Federal Register on April 12, 2007, at 72 FR 18404-5. See: http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/07-1830.pdf</p>
International fisheries	Appointment	01/12/09	Completed	<p>On July 19, 2010, NOAA announced that Russell Smith III was named new deputy assistant secretary for international fisheries, effective today. This appointment is an important part of our planned NOAA headquarters realignment. [see: http://www.noaaworld.noaa.gov/corporate/10082009_usmsg_leadership.html]</p> <p>Russell, an accomplished attorney, brings an impressive set of credentials and skills to NOAA's leadership team. He comes from the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative where he most recently served as the director for international environmental policy and multilateral environmental agreements, a position he has held since 2006.</p> <p>One of Russell's chief responsibilities will be to serve as the new U.S. government commissioner for the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT); he'll also provide high-level coordination among all of the tuna regional fishery management organizations. Moreover, Russell will be working very closely with Dr. James Turner, director of NOAA International Affairs, and Eric Schwaab, assistant administrator for NOAA Fisheries, on a number of key priorities.</p> <p>Russell's skilled command of international trade and environmental policy issues will superbly enhance the established scientific, fisheries management and international affairs expertise found within NOAA. We are very excited to have him onboard!</p>
Joint Enforcement Agreements	Data-sharing measures	10/12/09	Completed	<p>Web-based access to the data warehouse was provided to NMFS joint enforcement agreement partners on 04/03/2009.</p>
Joint Enforcement Agreements	Report	04/12/08	Completed	<p>This report was completed and submitted to Congress on September 28, 2008. A copy of this report can be found here: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/otherprovisions.html</p>
King/Tanner Crab	FMP Amendment	04/12/07	Completed	<p>AMENDMENT APPROVED.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOA published 2/5/07 - 72 FR 5255

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Marine Recreational Fisheries Information	Report and Program	01/12/09	Completed	<p>To develop an improved recreational fishing data collection program, an Executive Steering Committee was established and met for the first time in March, 2007. Members include fisheries managers and scientists from NOAA Fisheries, the interstate marine fisheries commissions, and the regional fishery management councils. Executive Steering Committee has established the Operations Team. OT has begun to set milestones and timelines for issue-specific work groups.</p> <p>The OT posted the MIRP Implementation Plan for public comment on October 10, 2008. See: http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/mrip/ The Implementation Plan provides the blueprint for phased implementation of an improved data collection program starting in January 2009.</p> <p>The recreational registry task does not have an associated statutory deadline but it is being tracked with data collection task because the registry information is needed to support data collections improvements required in the new MRIP.</p> <p>A proposed rule to implement the national registry of recreational fishers was published on June 12, 2008 (73 FR 33381). Public comments were invited through August 11, 2008. The final rule was published on December 30, 2008. The final rule may be found at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/mrip.htm The final rule is effective January 29, 2009, except for the amendments to § 600.1405 (angler registration), which are effective January 1, 2010.</p>
Overcapacity	Report	01/12/08	Completed	<p>NMFS conducted capacity assessments for fisheries in each of the 8 regions. The comprehensive report consistent with the required provisions has been submitted to Congress on May 21, 2008.</p> <p>A copy of the report is available at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/</p>
Pacific Groundfish	Report	01/12/09	Completed	<p>Trawl rationalization program for West Coast Groundfish implemented in January, 2011. Program details can be found at: http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Groundfish-Halibut/Groundfish-Fishery-Management/Trawl-Program/index.cfm</p>
Salmon Recovery Plan	Report	01/12/09	Completed	<p>A presentation was made at the PFMC the week of April 2nd, 2007.</p> <p>A notice of availability of the recovery plan was published in the Federal Register on July 10, 2007 (72 FR 37512). The recovery plan is available at: http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/salmon/MSRA_RecoveryPlan_FINAL.pdf</p>
Secretarial Action on State-waters fishing	Determination	03/12/07	Completed	<p>Analyses completed and are available at: NERO: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/docs/NER_section_110_20070226.pdf PIRO: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/docs/section_110_analysis_PIRO_20070321.pdf</p>
Training	Training course	07/12/07	Completed	<p>New member Council training is scheduled for the week of October 15, 2007. A syllabus of the training program is available at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/docs/council_training_syllabus_200707_v2.pdf</p> <p>Training presentations can be seen here:</p>

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Training	Required Training	01/12/09	Completed	http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/reg_svcs/Council%20stuff/council%20orientation/2007/2007TrainingAgenda_web.htm New member training was conducted the week of October 23, 2007.
Tsunami	Report	01/12/08	Completed	View NWS Tsunami Warning Center information here: http://tsunami.gov/
Tsunami	Report	01/12/10	Completed	This final Report may be viewed at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/ View tsunami warning information here: http://tsunami.gov/
Tsunami	Report	01/31/10	Completed	View NWS charter here: http://www.ppi.noaa.gov/weather_water/TsunamiPage.html View Indian ocean tsunami warning system program here: http://www.iotws.org/ev_en.php?ID=1267_201&ID2=DO_TOPIC
Tsunami	Process	04/12/07	Completed	This report is available at: http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-10-490 View NWS charter here: http://www.ppi.noaa.gov/weather_water/TsunamiPage.html View Indian ocean tsunami warning system program here: http://www.iotws.org/ev_en.php?ID=1267_201&ID2=DO_TOPIC
Delayed (1 item)				
Environmental Review Process - NEPA	Procedures	01/12/08	Delayed	The National Marine Fisheries Service solicited public comment through April 20, 2007, on the environmental review provisions required by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act (MSRA). For more information, see: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/docs/notice_to_public_5.pdf A summary of the public comments received has been posted on the website. See: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/publiccomments.htm On August 12, 2008, the comment period closed on the proposed rule to revise and update NMFS procedures for complying with NEPA in the context of fishery management actions. Numerous public comments were received, and NMFS is in the process of sorting, counting, and analyzing the comments. To review or download a copy of the proposed rule, see: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/docs/nepa_proposed_rule.pdf NMFS was not able to complete the interagency discussion on the final NEPA rule, and it was apparent that the agency would be unable to complete the work in the final weeks of the current administration. OMB wanted to have a clean slate for the next administration, so on December 19, 2008, NMFS withdrew the rule from OMB review. NMFS plans to engage the new administration on this important issue as we continue to

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