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### **Request for Comments, Proposed Rule for Groundfish Fishery Management Plan Amendment 28 Implementing Regulations**

Tomorrow, August 15, 2019, NMFS will publish a proposed rule for implementing regulations related to Amendment 28 to the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan. **Public comments on the proposed rule must be received by September 16, 2019.**

Amendment 28 would change bottom trawl fishing closures off Washington, Oregon, and California to minimize adverse effects of fishing to Pacific Coast groundfish essential fish habitat (EFH), re-open historically important fishing grounds to bottom trawling, and prohibit fishing with bottom-contacting gear in deep waters off California to protect deep-water habitats, including deep-sea corals. This proposal provides an opportunity for public comment before implementation of any part of this rule.

View the [unpublished version of the proposed rule](#) now on the Federal Register website.

The published version of the proposed rule will be linked to the [Amendment 28 proposed rule webpage](#) tomorrow. Additional details, including links to the Notice of Availability of the FMP Amendment, and other supporting information, including geo-spatial data are also available on this page.

Submit your public comments, starting tomorrow, via [Regulations.gov](#). Go to [www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2019-0039](http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2019-0039), click the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

Additional information and background on the development of Amendment 28 is available on the [Council's Amendment 28 website](#).