

**Table 1: General Process Timeline – Final Edits**

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<p><b>1. January to March (Even Year)</b> – A proposed rule is published in the Federal Register with the call for proposals to revise subsistence taking of fish and shellfish regulations and nonrural determinations.</p>
<p><b>2. April to July (Even Year)</b> – Staff will verify that proposals include the basic requirements and can be legally addressed by the Federal Subsistence Program. If the proposal is incomplete or cannot be addressed by the Federal Subsistence Program, the proponent will be notified in writing. Additionally for verified proposals, tribal consultation and ANCSA corporation consultation opportunities will be provided during this time.</p>
<p><b>3. August to November (Even Year)</b> – Staff will conduct a threshold assessment for verified proposals. Affected Regional Advisory Council(s) reviews the verified proposals and provides comments for the Board. The Council comments may include: relevant regional characteristics and if, in the Council’s opinion, the proposal meets the threshold requirements with justification. This action shall occur at the affected Council’s fall meeting on the record.</p>
<p><b>4. November to December (Even Year)</b> – The Interagency Staff Committee (ISC) shall provide comments on each verified proposal. Staff shall organize nonrural determination proposal presentations that include the original proposal, the Council preliminary recommendation, tribal and ANCSA consultation comments, and the ISC comments.</p>
<p><b>5. January (Odd Year)</b> – At the Board’s public meeting, Staff will present the proposals, and the Board will determine if the threshold requirements have been met. If the Board determines the proposal does not satisfy the threshold requirements, the proponent will be notified in writing. If it is determined the proposal does meet the threshold requirements, the Board will direct staff to prepare a full analysis according to established guidelines and address the proposal in accordance with the process schedule and timeline set forth below.</p>
<p><b>6. February (Odd Year) to July (Even Year) (18 months)</b> – For proposals determined to satisfy the threshold requirements, the Board will conduct public hearings in communities that may be affected should the proposal be adopted by the Board. OSM staff will also confer with affected Regional Advisory Council(s) about the unique regional characteristics that should be considered in the analysis of the proposal and the suggested public hearing schedule. During this time period, independent of the fall Council meetings, interested tribes may request formal government-to-government consultation and ANCSA corporations may also request consultation on the nonrural determination proposals.</p>
<p><b>7. August to November (Even Year)</b> –The Council(s) shall provide recommendations at their fall meetings and the ISC shall provide comments on the draft nonrural determination analyses.</p>

**8. November to December (Even Year)** – Staff incorporates Council recommendations and ISC comments into the draft nonrural determination analyses for the Board.

**9. January (Odd Year)** – At the Board’s Fisheries Regulatory meeting, staff present the nonrural determination analyses to the Board. The Board adopts, adopts with modification, or rejects the proposals regarding nonrural determinations.

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