

### **1.15 ADMINISTRATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS**

This summary describes management actions NMFS implemented for insular fisheries in American Samoa Fisheries during calendar year 2019.

February 8, 2019. Final rule: **Reclassifying Management Unit Species to Ecosystem Component Species**. This final rule reclassified certain management unit species in the Pacific Islands as ecosystem component species. The rule also updated the scientific and local names of certain species. The intent of this final rule was to prioritize conservation and management efforts and to improve efficiency of fishery management in the region. This rule was effective March 11, 2019.

September 12, 2019. Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI): **Proposed Ice House and Boat Ramp, Pago Pago Harbor, to Support Recovery of the American Samoa Bottomfish Fishery**. The EA and FONSI support the release by NMFS of Congressionally-appropriated funds for disaster relief in the American Samoa bottomfish fishery. The American Samoa Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources would use the funds to construct a boat ramp and ice house in Pago Pago Harbor. The boat ramp would relieve boat traffic congestion in the area and result in improved launching and return of fishing vessels. The ice house would house and protect ice machines that produce ice used by bottomfish fishermen to maintain the quality of the fish they harvest.