

1.15 ADMINISTRATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

This summary describes management actions NMFS implemented for insular fisheries in American Samoa Fisheries during calendar year 2020.

November 16, 2020. Final rule: **Interim measures for American Samoa Bottomfish**. This temporary rule implemented an interim catch limit (ICL) of 13,000 lb of American Samoa bottomfish for fishing years 2020 and 2021 during the effective period of the rule. NMFS will monitor catches, and if the fishery reaches the ICL within a fishing year, they will close the fishery in Federal waters through the end of the fishing year, or through the end of the effective period of this rule, whichever comes first. These interim management measures are necessary to reduce overfishing of American Samoa bottomfish while minimizing socioeconomic impacts to fishing communities. This temporary rule supports the long-term sustainability of American Samoa bottom fish. This rule is effective from November 16, 2020 through May 17, 2021.