

NOAA's Projected Timeline - Proposed GFNMS/CBNMS Boundary Expansion



1. Scoping

Notice of Intent published; NOAA solicits comments to determine the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and significant issues to address in it.

**Dec. 1, 2012 -
March 1, 2013**



2. Develop DEIS; draft related documents

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), revised site mgt. plans, proposed regulations, and revised terms of designation.

**Spring 2013 –
Winter 2013**



3. Reviews & Public Comment of DEIS

DEIS and draft revised mgt. plans, draft proposed regulations, and draft revised terms of designation released: agency consultations; Congress and Governor review; public comment.

**Winter 2013 -
Spring, 2014**



4. Publish FEIS, Final Docs.; Decision Effective

Final EIS (FEIS), related documents, revised mgt. plans & terms of designation drafted. FEIS published, then, as appropriate, final rule/other final docs. Congress and Governor review. Decision effective.

**Spring 2014 –
Summer/Fall, 2014**