

The following table describes the procedural vehicles available to the Council and their attributes if the Council wants to change actions pertaining to red snapper.

Procedural Vehicles	Minimum Length of Time	Issues
Emergency Rule	90-day comment period for CZMA but states may send in comments sooner. A 15- to 45-day comment period on rule, but may be able to waive notice and comment.	Broader than interim rule but reasons for implementing emergency rule must follow justification criteria. Regulations expire following 180 days unless extended for 186 more days.
Interim Rule	90-day comment period for CZMA but states may send in comments sooner. A 15- to 60-day comment period on rule.	Only for reducing overfishing. Regulations expire following 180 days unless extended for 186 more days.
Regulatory Amendment through the Snapper Grouper Framework	90-day comment period for CZMA but states may send in comments sooner. Do not need a 60-day comment period for Notice of Availability. A 15- to 60-day comment period on rule, but may be able to waive notice and comment.	Can modify closed areas and modify allowable gear. Amendment 17B to update framework language.
Plan Amendment and EA	90-day comment period for CZMA but states may send in comments sooner. 60-day comment period on the amendment once it is done, a comment period on the rule; and then 30 days after the comment period closes on the amendment, the Secretary of Commerce has to make a decision whether to approve it. A 15- to 60-day comment period on rule.	
Plan Amendment and EIS	90-day comment period for CZMA but states may send in comments sooner. 45-day comment period on the DEIS. 60-day comment period on the amendment once it is done, a comment period on the rule; and then 30 days after the comment period closes on the amendment, the Secretary of Commerce has to make a decision whether to approve it. 30-day cooling off period for FEIS. A 15- to 60-day comment period on rule.	Longest time period to get regulations implemented