

COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS

Exempted fishing permits (EFPs) provide a process for testing innovative fishing gears and strategies to substantiate methods for prosecuting sustainable and risk-averse fishing opportunities. The Council reviewed six EFP applications for 2010 at their June meeting and recommended five of these applications for public review. Applications for the five EFPs proposed for 2010 are provided as Agenda Item G.3.a, Attachments 1-5.

The first proposed EFP is designed to test a trolled longline strategy to selectively harvest abundant chilipepper rockfish off central California (Attachment 1). The second proposed EFP, sponsored by The Nature Conservancy, Environmental Defense, California Department of Fish and Game, and others, seeks to test hook-and-line and trap gears in central California using limited entry trawl permits purchased by The Nature Conservancy (Attachment 2). The third EFP, sponsored by the Oregon Chapter of the Recreational Fishing Alliance, seeks to test floated, long leader gear to selectively harvest yellowtail rockfish within the Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) in waters off Oregon (Attachment 3). The fourth EFP, sponsored by the Recreational Fishing Alliance and the Golden Gate Fishermen's Association, seeks to test the use of recreational hook-and-line gear to catch underutilized chilipepper rockfish, yellowtail rockfish, and slope rockfish on Commercial Party Fishing Vessels (CPFVs) within and seaward of the non-trawl RCA in waters off California north of Pt. Conception (Attachment 4). The fifth EFP is one sponsored by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and seeks to collect biological data from yelloweye rockfish encountered in the Oregon sport charter fishery (Attachment 5).

Under this agenda item, the Council will review these EFP applications, consider public and advisory body comments, and decide final recommendations for 2010 EFPs.

Council Action:

Consider EFP applications for 2010 and provide final recommendations.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.3.a, Attachment 1: Application for an Exempted Fishing Permit sponsored by Steve Fosmark entitled, "Evaluation of an epibenthic trolled longline to selectively catch chilipepper rockfish (*Sebastes goodei*)."

2. Agenda Item G.3.a, Attachment 2: Application for Issuance of an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) to Fish Trawl Permits with Longline, Trap, Pot, and Hook-and-line Gear in a Community Based Fishing Association off the Central California Coast.
3. Agenda Item G.3.a, Attachment 3: Application for an Exempted Fishing Permit sponsored by the Recreational Fishing Alliance Entitled, "Oregon Recreational Yellowtail Rockfish EFP."
4. Agenda Item G.3.a, Attachment 4: Application for an Exempted Fishing Permit sponsored by the Recreational Fishing Alliance and the Golden Gate Fishermen's Association Entitled, "Recreational Rockfish Catch Composition Seaward of the Rockfish Conservation Area."
5. Agenda Item G.3.a, Attachment 5: Application for an Exempted Fishing Permit sponsored by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Entitled, "Application to the Pacific Fishery Management Council for an Exempted Fishing Permit to Collect Biological Information from Yelloweye Rockfish Encountered in the Oregon Sport Charter Fishery."

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Recommendations

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