

Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permit Application Form

Agenda Item H.4
Attachment 17
June 2017

Please reference the instructions for specifics on filling out your application.

1) Application Date: 05/05/2017

2) Applicant(s)*:

a) Name: Paul Spinale Phone No: (805) 832-3618 - _____
Email: pspinale2000@yahoo.com
Address: 200 West Mason St. Apt E , Santa Barbara, Ca, 93101
Commercial Fishing Permits Held: Commercial Salmon and Highly migratory species

Any history of current/pending state or federal violations in any commercial fishery? Yes No

b) Name: _____ Phone No: (_____) _____ - _____
Email: _____
Address: _____
Commercial Fishing Permits Held: _____

Any history of current/pending state or federal violations in any commercial fishery? Yes No

3) Number of vessels*: 1

a) Vessel Name: Kirra Registration Number: cf6522tx - fg07301
Name of Operator: Paul Spinale
Commercial Fishing Permits Held: Commercial Salmon and Highly migratory species

Any history of current/pending state or federal violations in any commercial fishery? Yes No

b) Vessel Name: _____ Registration Number: _____
Name of Operator: _____
Commercial Fishing Permits Held: _____

Any history of current/pending state or federal violations in any commercial fishery? Yes No

4) Commercial Fishing Experience of EFP Participants*:

a.1) DSBG - Years: 0 Type of participation: _____
a.2) Other Swordfish gear – Type(s): drift net
Years: 2001/2002 Type of Participation: deckhand
a.3) Other gear(s) – Type(s): dungeness crab, albacore, salmon, squid, white seabass, and halibut
Years: 1995-2017 Type of Participation: captain and deckhand

b.1) DSBG - Years: _____ Type of participation: _____

b.2) Other Swordfish gear – Type(s): _____
Years: _____ Type of Participation: _____

b.3) Other gear(s) – Type(s): _____
Years: _____ Type of Participation: _____

*List information for additional EFP applicants/vessels/participants on a separate page.

5) Proposed EFP duration: 2 years

Justification: the application says 2 years is the normal length of time, but I will do whatever time frame I am issued

6) Intended DSBG Configuration: Standard (Attachment A) Modified (please explain)

I would stick to the regulation gear codes standard (attachment A). If the committee is open or looking for new ideas, I am willing do try different strategies and tactics that are suggested

7) Target Species: _____ Swordfish only Other (please list): _____

8) Fishing Area and Effort (indicate all that apply):

a) Southern California Bight (Point Conception to the U.S.-Mexico Border):

i) Vessels: 1- Kirra

ii) Estimate of fishing effort: 30-50 days , mostly depending on the weather and ocean conditions

iii) Additional details: _____

b) Central California (Point Reyes to Point Conception):

i) Vessels: _____

ii) Estimate of fishing effort: _____

iii) Additional details: _____

c) Northern California (42° N. latitude to Point Reyes):

i) Vessels: _____

ii) Estimate of fishing effort: _____

iii) Additional details: _____

d) Oregon (Columbia River to 42° N. latitude):

i) Vessels: _____

ii) Estimate of fishing effort: _____

iii) Additional details: _____

9) **Data Gaps:** Which of the following data gaps are addressed by your Exempted Fishing Permit application, and how will they be addressed? (See Attachment B) Check all that apply:

a) Bycatch & protected species interactions

How? Having the indicator flag and staying within visual proximity of the DSBG, a quick response to the gear when a fish is hooked will be achieved. The 3 bouy high flag set up seems proper. Using a hydraulic gurdy similar to salmon fishing could decrease retrieval time of by catch and protected species. Circle hooks will limit damage to fish and decrease chances of a gut hook or injury to non target species.

b) Active gear tending

How? By running no more than 10 set-ups, most likely 5 in my case to start till the kinks are worked out, no gear will be lost or out of sight this would be my first time trying this style, so I would keep gear to a moderation to start. This give me a better chance to catch target species and release by catch quicker.

c) Gear conflicts/number of vessels

How? I would have no gear conflicts. I would solely use DSBG and only be using my vessel. I am not active in the swordfish industry right now, but I know through friends who are that the is minimal boat pressure in that area for swordfish. I don't foresee any issues with too many boats fishing.

d) DSBG time and area use

How? I would primarily fish from July through November. I would target areas from behind Anacapa, Santa Cruz, and Santa Rosa Island.

e) Gear configuration

How? The gear configuration seems to be appropriate and covers various water columns. Attachment A fishing gear set up seems proper. Being flexible and learning from gear failures and catch zones will greatly increase knowledge and success of target species. I believe circle hooks are vital to decreasing injuring by catch without ever having fished this style. I will do what is suggested in Attachment A. I have researched several fishing styles and techniques from Texas and Florida where they primarily fish swordfish deep water. They are very successful there and seems close to attachment A.

f) Concurrent gear use

How? I feel other fishing gear, IE harpoon or nets will make it difficult to properly fish DSBG at the same time from my personal boat. Other bigger boats may be able to do both, but I would stick to just fishing DSGB.

10) Reporting Requirements: Please answer questions identified in application instructions.

All reporting will be done within the requirements set up by the research, NOAA, pacific marine fisheries, and DFG.

I believe this could shed new light into a relatively unknown hook and line fishery on the west coast. There is information from harpoons and nets, but that its just the upper water column. I know areas of Texas and Florida having been hook and line fishing very deep water for many years with high success rates.

A log book and landing reports will be done precise and accurate every trip to gain all knowledge, information, and records for the fishery. I think this is a great opportunity.

11) Observer Coverage:

I acknowledge that observer coverage may be required on up to 100% of my EFP fishing trips, and verify that I am willing and able to cover the cost of such coverage.

If you are unable to cover the entire cost of the observer coverage requirement, please explain what portion you may be able to cover and identify other sources of funding which may be available to help you cover observer costs.

I don't know the exact price of an observer, but I should be able to cover my portion of the observer. I believe the are grants that may help assist with this as well.

12) Applicant(s) Signature: paul spinale

Digitally signed by paul spinale
Date: 2017.05.05 15:12:24 -0700'

05/05/2017

Date