

## Agenda Item H.3 Council Action:

### **Develop a preliminary range of alternatives for authorizing a Federal west coast deep-set buoy gear fishery including Federal permitting.**

I move the Council adopt the purpose and need as described in the HMSMT report (Agenda Item H.3.a), and approve a preliminary range of alternatives for an authorized Federal west coast DSBG fishery including Federal permitting, as described in the HMSMT Report, the Supplemental HMSMT Report, the Supplemental EC Report, and the Supplemental HMSAS Reports 1 and 2, with the following modifications:

1. Under Geographic Area Considerations (p4 of the HMSMT Report), limit further analysis to Alternative 2 (All Federal waters off CA and Oregon)
2. Include voluntary trade-in alternatives that would allow DGN permittees to surrender a permit in exchange for one or more DSBG permits.
3. Regarding the Sunset Date:

Request the HMSAS, EC, and HMSMT work to refine an alternative with explicit 'gear may not be deployed before' and 'must be out of the water by' language, which may be different during different times of year (e.g., summer vs winter months, or PST vs. PDT). Also include an alternative that would allow the use of a strobe light or other device to mark a fish on a single piece of gear for future retrieval after the end time.

4. Request the EC and HMSMT continue development of the

Alternative to:

- 4a. establish a seaward boundary for DSBG of 150 fathoms, as defined by waypoints currently used to define RCA boundaries, including further analysis regarding use of VMS to enforce this line. Amendment by David Crabbe; seconded by Caren Braby: change “seaward” to “shoreward” Amendment carried unan.
- 4b. develop a definition for maximum gear footprint (per permit) to mitigate potential crowding with other DSBG or other fishing sectors and to facilitate active tending.
5. Acknowledging the desire to allow commingling of fishing activities and gears on a single trip, direct the HMSMT to consult with the GMT on the topic of species retention, transiting through RCAs, and ways to avoid overfished species.
6. Regarding Permitting Alternatives – include among the alternatives the option for a gear endorsement to the existing HMS permit (e.g., a registration requirement)
7. For the Southern California Bight only, include an Alternative to limit DSBG fishing activity to weekdays only.

Moved by: Marci Yaremko Seconded by: Buzz Brizendine  
Main motion as amended carried unan.