

**COUNCIL JUNE 2017 RECOMMENDATIONS ON DEEP-SET BUOY GEAR EXEMPTED
FISHING PERMIT ISSUANCE**

| Applicant | Issuance Recommendation | Observer Coverage Recommendation** | Additional Information Requested |
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| <i>Ball</i> | Approval | Level 2 | Provide the name of the vessel to be used and number sets/days of DSBG fishing experience to NMFS |
| <i>Cullen*</i> | Approval | Level 1 | |
| <i>Ford</i> | Approval | Level 1 | |
| <i>Graves</i> | Approval | Level 1 | |
| <i>Kennedy</i> | Approval | Level 1 | |
| <i>Lorton/ Haworth*</i> | Approval | Level 1 | |
| <i>Lutoshkin</i> | Resubmit | - | Provide the name of the vessel to be used, the proposed number of fishing days under the EFP, and number sets/days of DSBG fishing experience |
| <i>Maassen</i> | Resubmit, preliminary approval | Level 1 | Provide the proposed number of fishing days under the EFP |
| <i>Masuda</i> | Resubmit | - | Complete all sections of the application: fishing experience, estimated number of fishing days under the EFP, concurrent gear types (if any), data gaps, and complete address (city, state, zip code) |
| <i>McCarthy</i> | Resubmit, preliminary approval | Level 1 | Provide estimated number of fishing days under the EFP, concurrent gear types (if any) |
| <i>McCorkle</i> | Approval | Level 1 | Provide estimated number of fishing days under the EFP to NMFS |
| <i>Rynkevic</i> | Resubmit | Level 1 | Provide estimated number of fishing days under the EFP and number sets/days of DSBG fishing experience |
| <i>Selck</i> | Approval | Level 1 | |
| <i>Shvets</i> | Approval | Level 1 | |
| <i>Sidielnikov</i> | Approval | Level 1 | |
| <i>Sokolova</i> | Resubmit, preliminary approval | Level 1 | Provide estimated number of fishing days under the EFP |
| <i>Spinale</i> | Approval | Level 1 | |
| <i>Stephens</i> | Approval | Level 2 | Provide number sets/days of DSBG fishing experience to NMFS |
| <i>Sviridov</i> | Resubmit | - | Provide estimated number of fishing days under the EFP and number sets/days of DSBG fishing experience |

*Originally submitted in March 2017.

**Observer coverage levels:

Level 1: The first year of any EFP fishing activity. Require 100 percent observer coverage with a minimum of 10 sets fished, except for:

- 1) Any EFP submitted and managed by a government or research entity, as the Council deems appropriate.
- 2) EFP participants with a minimum of 10 sets of DSBG experience under another EFP.
- 3) Any EFP utilizing “traditional” DSBG configuration in the Southern California Bight, in which case 100 percent observer coverage is only required for the first five sets fished under that EFP.

If an EFP holder wishes to reduce their required observer coverage below 100 percent during their first year of EFP fishing activity, they may submit an interim EFP progress report to the Council after completing at least their first 10 sets (with 100 percent observer coverage). The HMSMT would consider this report when making recommendations to the Council whether to reduce the EFP’s required observer coverage level for the remainder of that year.

If the applicant chooses not to submit an interim progress report, the 100 percent observer coverage would continue to apply to all activity during the first year of the EFP.

Level 2: The second year of any EFP which fished at least 10 observed sets during its first year OR exceptions 1-3 as listed in Level 1. Require maintaining a minimum of 30 percent observer coverage, except for:

- 1) New EFP participants joining an existing DSBG EFP. These participants would need to fish 10 sets with 100 percent observer coverage, the same as Level 1 above, before 30 percent observer coverage applies.
- 2) Any EFP for which the Council (based on advice from the HMSMT) considers it necessary to continue 100 percent observer coverage after receiving the required one-year report from the EFP applicant.

Level 3: Year three and after. Require maintaining a minimum 30 percent observer coverage, except for:

- 1) New EFP participants joining an existing DSBG EFP would need to fish 10 sets with 100 percent observer coverage, the same as Levels 1 and 2 above, before 30 percent observer coverage applies.
- 2) Any EFP for which the Council (based on advice from the HMSMT) considers it appropriate to recommend a lower observer coverage level.