

## HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON DEEP-SET BUOY GEAR EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS

The Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) discussed new and resubmitted deep-set buoy gear exempted fishing permit (DSBG EFP) applications at their September 2017 meeting. New applications were reviewed based on the same criteria the HMSMT has used at previous meetings, and resubmitted applications were reviewed for completeness of additional information provided. Applications that the HMSMT recommends for preliminary approval are missing some information but are otherwise approvable, while those with a resubmission recommendation need substantive revision or have missed submission deadlines.

The HMSMT bases its recommendations for observer coverage in these EFP applications on the three tiered criteria developed in the November 2016 Supplemental HMSMT Report 2 ([Agenda Item I.4.a](#)).

### **Summary of HMSMT Recommendations for New EFP Proposals**

#### ***I.) Agenda Item J.5 Attachment 3;*** Letter from B. Ball with Requested Additional Information

Mr. Bob Ball submitted a letter providing the requested additional information from the June 2017 meeting.

#### ***II.) Agenda Item J.5 Attachment 4;*** Resubmitted DSBG EFP application from A. Lutoshkin

##### **A) HMSMT Recommendation:**

- Council approval
- Level 1 observer coverage

##### **B) Merits:**

- Aligns with Council goals
- Complete in regard to Council Operating Procedures (COP) 20
- Applicant does not have DSBG experience. EFP will help inform learning curve and success for inexperienced DSBG fishers.
- Experience in drift gillnet (DGN) swordfish fishery

##### **C) Suggestions and Comments:**

- The applicant provided the requested estimated number of fishing days and additional information on DSBG experience.
- Applicant indicates no DSBG experience.
- Applicant indicates 150 days/year expected effort in Southern California Bight (SCB).
- The HMSMT has determined that the proposal does not include a significant scientific component that warrants Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) review.

**III.) Agenda Item J.5 Attachment 5;** Resubmitted DSBG EFP application from R. Rynkevic

**A) HMSMT Recommendation:**

- Council preliminary approval
- Level 1 observer coverage

**B) Merits:**

- Aligns with Council goals
- Complete in regard to COP 20
- Applicant does not have DSBG experience. EFP will help inform learning curve and success for inexperienced DSBG fishers.

**C) Suggestions and Comments:**

- Applicant indicates approximately 150 days of effort, but does not specify how many or which vessel(s) to be used under the EFP.
- The HMSMT has determined that the proposal does not include a significant scientific component that warrants SSC review.

**D) Requested Revisions:**

- Provide fishing vessel information.

**IV.) Agenda Item J.5 Attachment 6;** Resubmitted DSBG EFP application from T. Sokolova

**A) HMSMT Recommendation:**

- Council approval
- Level 1 observer coverage

**B) Merits:**

- Aligns with Council goals
- Complete in regard to COP 20
- Applicant does not have DSBG experience. EFP will help inform learning curve and success for inexperienced DSBG fishers.
- Experience in DGN swordfish fishery

**C) Suggestions and Comments:**

- Applicant indicates 100 days/year expected effort in SCB.
- The HMSMT has determined that the proposal does not include a significant scientific component that warrants SSC review.

**V.) Agenda Item J.5 Attachment 7;** DSBG EFP application from R. Ellis

**A) HMSMT Recommendation:**

- Council approval
- Level 1 observer coverage

**B) Merits:**

- Aligns with Council goals
- Complete in regard to COP 20
- Applicant does not have DSBG experience. EFP will help inform learning curve and success for inexperienced DSBG fishers.

**C) Suggestions and Comments:**

- Applicant proposes concurrent hook and line and troll use.
- Applicant indicates small proportion of effort in Central California (CC) waters.
- The HMSMT has determined that the proposal does not include a significant scientific component that warrants SSC review.

**D) Requested Revisions:**

- None

**VI.) Agenda Item J.5 Attachment 8;** DSBG EFP application from J. Foster

**A) HMSMT Recommendation:**

- Council preliminary approval
- Level 2 observer coverage

**B) Merits:**

- Aligns with Council goals
- Complete in regard to COP 20
- Applicant has DSBG experience of approximately 50 set days under the Pflieger Institute of Environmental Research EFP.

**C) Suggestions and Comments:**

- Estimates 50% of effort will be in CC waters, but notes that effort will be heavily weather dependent.
- Proposes concurrent harpoon use.
- The HMSMT has determined that the proposal does not include a significant scientific component that warrants SSC review.

**D) Requested Revisions:**

- Provide clear indication of estimated effort in CC waters.

**VII.) Agenda Item J.5 Attachment 9;** DSBG EFP application from J. Hall and F. Crivello, III

**A) HMSMT Recommendation:**

- Council approval
- Level 1 observer coverage

**B) Merits:**

- Aligns with Council goals
- Complete in regard to COP 20
- Applicant proposes use of both standard configuration (SBG) and linked configuration (LBG)
- Applicant proposes all effort in CC, Northern California (NC) and Oregon (OR)
- Experience in DGN swordfish fishery
- Applicant does not have DSBG experience. EFP will help inform learning curve and success for inexperienced DSBG fishers.

**C) Suggestions and Comments:**

- Applicant requests permission to use two sets of LBG simultaneously, per vessel.
- The HMSMT suggests the Council require 100% observer coverage for all days on which two sets of LBG will be deployed.
- Applicants propose potential use of radio and/or Global Positioning System (GPS)-satellite buoys and Automatic Identity System (AIS) beacons.
- The HMSMT has determined that the proposal does not include a significant scientific component that warrants SSC review.

**D) Requested Revisions:**

- None

**VIII.) Agenda Item J.5 Attachment 10;** DSBG EFP application from Joshua Porter

**A) HMSMT Recommendation:**

- Council Approval
- Level 1 observer coverage

**B) Merits:**

- Applicant indicates intent to fish off all of California and Oregon coastline, with majority of effort in northern waters.
- Applicant does not have DSBG experience. EFP will help inform learning curve and success for inexperienced DSBG fishers.

**C) Suggestions and Comments:**

- Applicant indicates concurrent albacore troll fishing.
- The HMSMT has determined that the proposal does not include a significant scientific component that warrants SSC review.

**D) Requested Revisions:**

- None.

**IV.) Agenda Item J.5 Attachment 11;** DSBG EFP application from Justin Porter

**A) HMSMT Recommendation:**

- Council approval

- Level 1 observer coverage

**B) Merits:**

- Applicant indicates intent to fish off all of California and Oregon coastline, with majority of effort in northern waters.
- Applicant does not have DSBG experience. EFP will help inform learning curve and success for inexperienced DSBG fishers.

**C) Suggestions and Comments:**

- Applicant indicates concurrent albacore troll fishing.
- Applicant indicates no major changes to gear configuration, but that any small alterations would be logged and photographed.
- The HMSMT has determined that the proposal does not include a significant scientific component that warrants SSC review.

**D) Requested Revisions:**

- None.

**X.) Agenda Item J.5 Attachment 12;** DSBG EFP application from A. Rasmussen

**A) HMSMT Recommendation:**

- Council approval
- Level 1 observer coverage

**B) Merits:**

- Aligns with Council goals
- Complete in regard to COP 20
- Experience in DGN swordfish fishery
- Applicant does not have DSBG experience. EFP will help inform learning curve and success for inexperienced DSBG fishers.

**C) Suggestions and Comments:**

- The applicant indicates fishing only in SCB.
- Applicant proposes DGN fishing on same trip.
- The HMSMT has determined that the proposal does not include a significant scientific component that warrants SSC review.

**D) Requested Revisions:**

- None.

**XI.) Agenda Item J.5 Attachment 13;** DSBG EFP application from A. Sidenko

**A) HMSMT Recommendation:**

- Council preliminary approval
- Level 1 observer coverage

**B) Merits:**

- Aligns with Council goals
- Complete in regard to COP 20
- Proposes fishing SCB, CC and NC
- Applicant does not have DSBG experience and does not appear to have any commercial fishing experience (aside from sea cucumber diving). EFP will help inform learning curve and success for participants with no fishing experience.

**C) Suggestions and Comments:**

- Applicant does not specify estimated number of days of effort, only a range of months.
- Applicant appears to request 15% observer coverage as they cannot fund 100%.
- The HMSMT has determined that the proposal does not include a significant scientific component that warrants SSC review.

**D) Requested Revisions:**

- Applicant needs to supply estimated effort in number of days, per proposed geographic fishing area.

*XII.) Agenda Item J.5 Attachment 14;* DSBG EFP application from M. Smith

**A) HMSMT Recommendation:**

- Council approval
- Level 1 observer coverage

**B) Merits:**

- Aligns with Council goals
- Complete in regard to COP 20
- Proposes fishing effort along entire California and Oregon coastlines.
- Applicant does not have DSBG experience. EFP will help inform learning curve and success for inexperienced DSBG fishers.

**C) Suggestions and Comments:**

- Applicant indicates use of radio buoys.
- Applicant indicates that they have already purchased the gear.
- The HMSMT has determined that the proposal does not include a significant scientific component that warrants SSC review.

**D) Requested Revisions:**

- None

*XIII.) Agenda Item J.5 Attachment 15;* DSBG EFP application from M. Tofoya

**A) HMSMT Recommendation:**

- Council preliminary approval
- Level 1 observer coverage

**B) Merits:**

- Aligns with Council goals
- Complete in regard to COP 20
- Applicant proposes fishing CC, NC and OR
- Applicant does not have DSBG experience. EFP will help inform learning curve and success for inexperienced DSBG fishers.

**C) Suggestions and Comments:**

- Applicant does not indicate which commercial fishing gears he has experience with.
- The HMSMT has determined that the proposal does not include a significant scientific component that warrants SSC review.

**D) Requested Revisions:**

- Provide fishing vessel information

**XIV.) Agenda Item J.5 Attachment 15; Supplemental Public Comment - Modified DSBG EFP application from S. Mintz**

Mr. Steve Mintz submitted a revised EFP application requesting the Council modify his previously approved EFP to include LBG. After discussion, the HMSMT views this revised application as a separate, new application. Since the application was received by the Council after the advanced briefing book deadline, the HMSMT recommends it not be considered until the November meeting.

**HMSMT Recommendation Summary**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Team Recommendation</b>	<b>Observer Coverage</b>	<b>Requested Revisions</b>
<i>Lutoshkin (resubmitted)</i>	Approval	Level 1	None
<i>Rynkevic (resubmitted)</i>	Preliminary approval	Level 1	Provide vessel information
<i>Sokolova (resubmitted)</i>	Approval	Level 1	None
<i>Ellis</i>	Approval	Level 1	None
<i>Foster</i>	Preliminary approval	Level 2	Provide estimated number of fishing days in Central California
<i>Hall-Crivello</i>	Approval	Level 1	None
<i>Porter, Joshua</i>	Approval	Level 1	None
<i>Porter, Justin</i>	Approval	Level 1	None
<i>Rasmussen</i>	Approval	Level 1	None
<i>Sidenko</i>	Preliminary approval	Level 1	Provide estimated number of fishing days
<i>Smith</i>	Approval	Level 1	None
<i>Tafoya</i>	Preliminary approval	Level 1	Provide vessel information
<i>Mintz</i>	Resubmission	-	-