

PRELIMINARY EXEMPTED FISHERIES PERMIT APPROVAL

Council Operating Procedure (COP) 20 specifies the protocol for submission and review of proposals requiring the issuance of an exempted fishing permit (EFP) for highly migratory species (HMS) fisheries. Proposals must be submitted at least two weeks before the start of the June Council meeting. According to the COP, the HMS Management Team and HMS Advisory Subpanel will review EFP proposals in June and make recommendations to the Council for action; the Council will consider those proposals for preliminary action. Final action on EFPs will occur at the September Council meeting. Only those EFP applications that were considered in June may be considered in September.

June 6 is two weeks before the first day of the Council meeting. No EFP proposals were received before distribution of the advance briefing book on June 5th.

Council Action:

Adopt EFPs for Highly Migratory Species Fisheries for Public Review.

Reference Materials:

None.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt EFPs for Highly Migratory Species Fisheries for Public Review

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