

California Longline Chilipepper EFP
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Ms. Dorothy Lowman, Chair
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Re: Progress report on EFP Epibenthic Trolled Longline Gear to Selectively Catch Chilipper Rockfish off the Coast of Central California

Chair Lowman, and Council Members:

I am not able to provide data at this time. I would like to report where we are with the EFP. The participants will fish the EFP in winter and spring of 2014. The issue date of the permit came in June 2013. We hoped for a spring fishery. Because of the nature of this gear and obligations relating to dedicated fisheries, these vessels must fish in early spring. Traditionally, in this area hook and line groundfish fisheries take place during winter and spring and consequently this would apply to the EFP designated area. These vessels also fish salmon and albacore in late spring, summer and fall. The equipment for the EFP has been fully updated and is prepared to go. When data becomes available we will, submit information and provide a complete report. Please accept my sincere apology for not reporting data at this time. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Kathy Fosmark