

PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS (EFPs) FOR 2011

Exempted fishing permits (EFPs) provide a process for testing innovative fishing gears and strategies to substantiate methods for prosecuting sustainable and risk-averse fishing opportunities. Applications for EFPs proposed for 2011 are provided as Agenda Item I.3.a, Attachments 1 and 2.

The first proposed EFP is one sponsored by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife that seeks to collect biological data from yelloweye rockfish encountered in the Oregon sport charter fishery (Attachment 1). The second proposed EFP is one sponsored by Mr. Steve Fosmark that seeks to test the ability of trolled longline gear to selectively harvest chilipepper rockfish in waters off central California (Attachment 2). The Nature Conservancy, in collaboration with the ports of Morro Bay and Port San Luis and others, have provided a report on the implementation of their 2009 EFP testing the efficacy of a community fishing association in Attachment 3. A report of the 2009 Oregon Recreational Yellowtail Rockfish EFP is provided in Attachment 4.

Under this agenda item, the Council should review these EFP applications, consider public and advisory body comments, and consider moving the 2011 EFP applications forward for public review. Any recommended modifications to these EFP applications will be communicated to the EFP sponsors and the public. The Council is scheduled to decide their final recommendations for 2011 EFPs at the November meeting in Costa Mesa, California.

Council Action:

Consider EFP applications for 2011 and provide preliminary recommendations for public review.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item I.3.a, Attachment 1: Application to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) for an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) to collect biological information from yelloweye rockfish encountered in the Oregon sport charter fishery.
2. Agenda Item I.3.a, Attachment 2: Exempted Fishing Permit – Trolled Longline for Chilipepper Rockfish.
3. Agenda Item I.3.a, Attachment 3: Morro Bay/Port San Luis Exempted Fishing Permit: Progress Report for the Pacific Fishery Management Council.
4. Agenda Item I.3.a, Attachment 4: Oregon Recreational Yellowtail Rockfish EFP 2009 Activities Report.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary Recommendations for EFPs

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