ADDITIONAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT (EFP) APPLICATION

There are two additional modifications to the exempted fishing permit (EFP) application (Agenda Item C.4.a, Attachment 1) that are not reflected in the document as submitted (in addition to the terms and conditions described in the situation summary and modifications indicated by the applicant). These modifications are the result of discussions between the applicant and National Marine Fisheries Service after the application was originally submitted to the Council in 2006. These changes are:

1. In section 8, describing the species (target and incidental) to be harvested under the EFP, the applicant does not, as stated in the application, propose to target the tuna species listed nor use small circle hooks for the purpose of targeting tunas. Swordfish is the only target species under the application as modified.

2. Likewise, in section 12, describing the approximate times and places fishing will take place, the statement that small circle hooks will be used to target tuna is not part of the application as modified.

3. In section 12, it states that lightsticks will not be used; they will be used as part of the EFP.

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