

EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS: RESEARCH EFFORTS

Situation: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) research efforts often include the use of commercial vessels as survey platforms and to collect information. These activities sometimes require the vessel to be exempted from commercial fishing regulations that would interfere with the data collection project. We anticipate NMFS will present three exempted fishing permit (EFP) proposals for Council review at this meeting; the 2000 continental slope trawl survey, the pre-recruit survey for Pacific whiting, and the depth-specific sampling program. NMFS will consider the Council's comments and recommendations as it makes the final preparations for these activities.

Council Action:

1. Comment on EFPs.

Reference Materials: None.

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