

PROPOSED COUNCIL PROCESS FOR CONSIDERATION OF
EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS

Year 1

June

- Preliminary exempted fishing permit (EFP) concepts for Year 2

September

- Draft EFP applications for Year 2
- EFP Application review by Groundfish Management Team (GMT), Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP), and Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)
 - Proposals from individuals or non-government agencies must be presented to GMT in writing at least 2 weeks prior to September Council meeting; proposals from federal or state agencies may be presented at the September Council meeting
- Council consider approving for public review
- Release of EFP OY "set aside"

November

- Final EFP Applications for Year 2
 - Only those EFP applications that were considered in September may be considered in November; applications received after the September Council meeting for the following calendar year will not be considered
- EFP Application review (if revised) by GMT, GAP, and SSC
- Council consider recommending approval to NMFS

Year 2

- Process and schedule same as Year 1 for EFP proposals for Year 3

Year 3

June

- Preliminary report on EFP from Year 2 to GMT for consideration
- Preliminary EFP concepts for Year 4

September

- Final report on EFP from Year 2 to GMT, SSC, and Council
- Draft EFP applications for Year 4
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