

PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION OF EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT
APPLICATIONS FOR 2005-2006

Situation: Exempted fishing permits (EFPs) provide a process for testing novel fishing gears and strategies to substantiate methods for prosecuting sustainable and risk-averse fishing opportunities. The cost of conducting EFPs is the loss of some available harvest for directed full fleet fisheries.

This agendum provides the opportunity for Council, state, and agency representatives to review draft applications for EFPs in 2005. Draft EFP applications approved by the Council under this agendum will likely require harvest set asides for overfished species. The costs and benefits of allocating available harvest to EFPs and directed fisheries needs to be considered coincidentally. Therefore, harvest set asides for Council approved EFPs in 2005 and anticipated EFPs in 2006 will be adopted along with tentative 2005-2006 management measures under agendum C.6 and final 2005-2006 management measures under agendum C.10. Final approval of 2005 EFP applications will occur at the November Council meeting. Only those draft EFP applications approved at the June Council meeting may be considered in November; EFP applications received after the June Council meeting for 2005 will not be considered.

Council Action:

1. Review and provide preliminary approval of draft EFP applications for 2005-2006.

Reference Materials:

1. Exhibit C.5.b, CDFG Report: Application for Issuance of an Exempted Fishing Permit to Test a Selective Flatfish Trawl (including Scottish Seine) in and area otherwise closed to fishing, 2005.
2. Exhibit C.5.b, ODFW Report: Application for Exempted Fishing Permit to Examine Groundfish Behavior During Capture in Bottom Trawls.
3. Exhibit C.5.b, WDFW Report: Exempted Fishing Permit Applications for 2005-2006.
4. Exhibit C.5.b, WDFW Report Attachment 1: Application for Issuance of an Exempted (Experimental) Fishing Permit for Arrowtooth Flounder.
5. Exhibit C.5.b, WDFW Report Attachment 2: Application for Issuance of an Exempted (Experimental) Fishing Permit for Spiny Dogfish.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. Recommendations of the States, Tribes, and Federal Agencies
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Preliminary Approval of EFP Applications for 2005-2006.

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