

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SUBPANEL ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT (EFP) FOR LONGLINE FISHING IN THE WEST COAST
EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) welcomes the support of the World Wildlife Fund for the EFP under consideration. The HMSAS continues to support Pete Dupuy's EFP as they have for the last three years.

Minority Opinion

A minority of the HMSAS (Meghan Jeans, Ocean Conservancy and Bob Osborn, United Anglers of Southern California) oppose issuance of the longline EFP due to the potential impact on vulnerable non-target fish populations such as striped marlin, bluefin and albacore tuna and the risk it poses to protected and endangered species such as leatherback and loggerhead sea turtles. Moreover, the EFP is not reasonably designed to achieve its stated objective.

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