

CALIFORNIA THRESHER SHARK/SWORDFISH DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY  
**REPORT ON ONGOING  
EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS**

**Agenda Item F.2**

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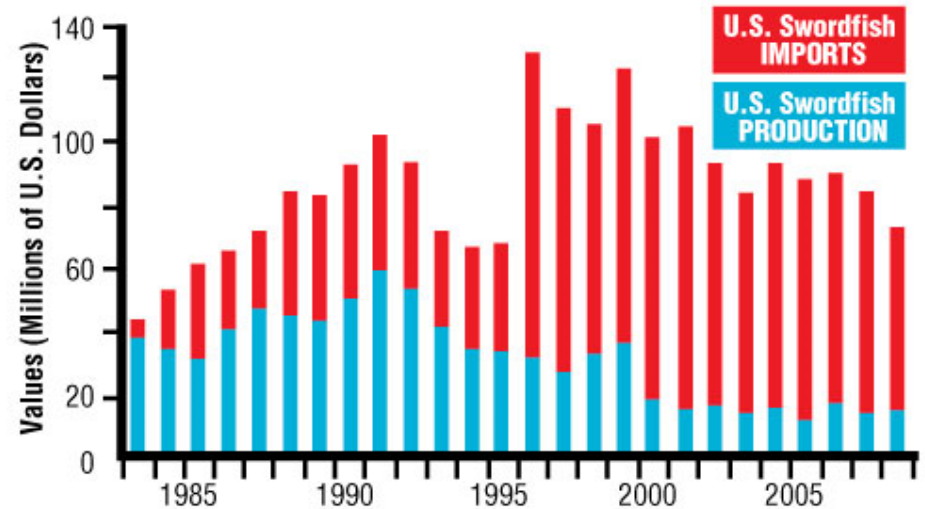
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# MSA NATIONAL STANDARD 1

## 1. Achieve optimum yeild and prevent overfishing

National Standard 1 states: “Conservation and management measures *shall* prevent overfishing while achieving, on a continuing basis, the optimum yield from each fishery for the United States fishing industry.”

- The U.S. consumes more swordfish than any other single country in the world
- Domestic swordfish production supplies less than 25% of U.S. demand
- During 2000-2013, CA DGN fishery landings have declined by 68%
- CA’s DGN fishery has the least impact on swordfish pops of any other swordfish fishery in the Pacific Ocean, yet it is one of the most heavily regulated fisheries in the world
- CA’s DGN fishery is not achieving optimum yeild, and in doing so we are encouraging overfishing by foriegn fleets



# PLEASE SUPPORT ALL 3 EFPs

- 1) Test pelagic longline gear inside the west coast Exclusive Economic Zone  
(Pete Dupuy, John Gibbs, David Haworth)

**A Notice of Availability for the draft EA is expected to publish by the end of April 2016 and NMFS will be accepting comments for further consideration.**

- 2) Test deep-set buoy gear  
(PIER, Tim and Laura Ferguson, Stephen R. Mintz)

**Please recommend extending the current DSBG EFPs beyond 2016 and less observer coverage for the Ferguson's.**

- 3) Test modified large mesh DGN gear in the PLCA at times and places during the closure period when bycatch risk is low and target species abundance is high  
(Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries)

**Currently out for public comment via Federal Register Notice.**



**THANK  
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