

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES REPORT ON PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF NEW
EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS (EFPs)

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) reviewed the proposed Deep-Set Buoy Gear exempted fishing permit (EFP) letter from David Stephens.

HMSAS recommends the following with clarifications:

- 1) 10 lines with 2 hooks each - fine
- 2) Not a “preliminary EFP,” it is just an EFP.
- 3) Pflieger Institute of Environmental Research excerpt about “net gain per day with one fish” is incorrect. It could be corrected by using “gross.” The term “net” is a highly questionable assumption that does not account for true “boat expenses” i.e., boat parts, repairs, maintenance, port fees, insurance, gear purchases and maintenance, etc.

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