

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
DEEP-SET BUOY GEAR EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS (EFPs)

1. The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) supports the recommendations included in the Supplemental HMS Management Team (HMSMT) Report regarding EFP applications and extension.
2. The HMSAS encourages additional EFP applications and participation in order to obtain the much needed data to address the priorities identified by the Council.
3. HMSAS recommends that observer coverage be at 35 percent or less.
4. HMSAS recommends that deep-set buoy gear (DSBG) EFPs be allowed in the Pacific Leatherback Critical Habitat Area (PLCHA).

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