

DEEP-SET BUOY GEAR EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS (EFPs)

In June 2016, the Council announced it would accept for review applications for EFPs to test deep-set buoy gear (DSBG) at any Council meeting when Highly Migratory Species (HMS) items are on the agenda. For the November Council meeting, applications are due by November 2. The Plegler Institute of Environmental Research informed staff that it intends to submit an application to test linked DSBG by the deadline. The application will be distributed as a supplemental attachment.

At its September meeting, the Council reviewed [Agenda Item J.4.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report, September 2016](#) and [Agenda Item J.4.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report, September 2016](#), which list potential data gaps that could be addressed through additional DSBG EFPs. The HMS Management Team (HMSMT) also proposed developing a DSBG EFP application template that would simplify the application process. Agenda Item I.4.a, HMSMT Report contains a proposed application template and a revised list of data gaps/research priorities based on Council discussion in September. The data gaps/research priorities list is considered background material to help applicants when drafting proposals.

Once the Council is satisfied with the application template, it would be posted to the Council website for potential applicants to use. A webpage has been created to consolidate information for DSBG EFP applicants (<http://www.pcouncil.org/highly-migratory-species/efp-application-info-for-dsbg/>). The application template and supporting materials (including the data gaps/research priorities list) would be posted on this page.

Council Action:

Preliminarily Approve New DSBG EFPs for Public Review; Review and Provide Guidance on an EFP Application Template and Data Gathering Priorities.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item I.4.a, HMSMT Report.

Agenda Order:

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| I.4 Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs) | Kit Dahl |
| a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities | |
| b. Public Comment | |
| c. Council Action: Preliminarily Approve New Deep-Set Buoy Gear EFPs for Public Review; Review and Provide Guidance on an EFP Application Template and Data Gathering Priorities. | |