



Fwd: HMS EFP Application

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Subject: HMS EFP Application
To: pmmc.comments@noaa.gov

February 13, 2017

Dear Commissioners,

Enclosed is a photo of my boat and my application for an EFP for the DSBG Swordfish program.

From the early days of the twentieth century until 1980, most of the swordfish landed on the west coast were harpoon caught and landed by an extensive fleet of small artisanal boats. The advent of the use of the drift gillnet for swordfish in the late seventies put most of the small artisanal swordfish boats out of business while doing serious harm to the ecosystem. By 1984 I realized that the harpoon couldn't compete with the driftnet. For which, due to my landings, I was eligible for a limited entry permit. Because of my philosophical opposition to the use of the drift gillnet, I sold my swordfish boat and returned to construction carpentry. Now, thirtysome years later it appears that a more ecosystem friendly alternative has been proposed. The DSBG could end up being a factor in the re-invigorization of the artisanal swordfish fleet. I would consider it an honor and a privilege to be permitted to participate in this program. Because of the small size of my boat, (under 32 feet) I could help to determine the minimum number of pieces of gear needed to be financially viable for smaller vessels.

Thank you for your consideration.
Philip Harris Owner/Operator F/V Sea Nag

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2 attachments



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Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permit Application Form

Please reference the instructions for specifics on filling out your application.

1) Application Date: 01-31-2017

2) Applicant(s)*:

a) Name: Philip Howes Harris Phone No: (858) 454 7630
Email: phil@seanag.com
Address: 5540 Linda Rosa Ave. La Jolla CA 92037
Commercial Fishing Permits Held: L 47805

Any history of current/pending state or federal violations in any commercial fishery? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b) Name: _____ Phone No: (_____) _____ - _____
Email: _____
Address: _____
Commercial Fishing Permits Held: _____

Any history of current/pending state or federal violations in any commercial fishery? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3) Number of vessels*: 1

a) Vessel Name: Sea Nag Registration Number: 631186
Name of Operator: Philip Howes Harris
Commercial Fishing Permits Held: L 47805

Any history of current/pending state or federal violations in any commercial fishery? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b) Vessel Name: _____ Registration Number: _____
Name of Operator: _____
Commercial Fishing Permits Held: _____

Any history of current/pending state or federal violations in any commercial fishery? ☐ Yes ☒ No

4) Commercial Fishing Experience of EFP Participants*:

a.1) DSBG - Years: _____ Type of participation: _____

a.2) Other Swordfish gear – Type(s): Harpoon
Years: 12 Type of Participation: 5 years as Crew 7 years as owner/operator

a.3) Other gear(s) – Type(s): Albacore, Jig and Baitpole; Abalone Diving; Sablefish Traps
Years: 5; 6; 4 Type of Participation: Regular Crew/Operator; Tender/Diver; Owner

b.1) DSBG - Years: _____ Type of participation: _____

b.2) Other Swordfish gear – Type(s): _____
Years: _____ Type of Participation: _____

b.3) Other gear(s) – Type(s): _____
Years: _____ Type of Participation: _____

***List information for additional EFP applicants/vessels/participants on a separate page.**

5) Proposed EFP duration: Two years

Justification: Considering the year to year differences in conditions and catch results, two years would seem to be the minimum amount of time to achieve usable data.

6) Intended DSBG Configuration: ☒ Standard (Attachment A) ☐ Modified (please explain)

7) Target Species: ☐ Swordfish only ☒ Other (please list):
Swordfish, Opah, Escolar, Shark, Tuna, Louvar

8) Fishing Area and Effort (indicate all that apply):

a) ☒ Southern California Bight (Point Conception to the U.S.-Mexico Border):

i) Vessels: F/V Sea Nag

ii) Estimate of fishing effort: June-November, inclusive, is DSBG major effort.

iii) Additional details: From Dec. - June Whenever fish are available, weather permitting, we will set the DSBG

b) ☐ Central California (Point Reyes to Point Conception):

i) Vessels:

ii) Estimate of fishing effort:

iii) Additional details:

c) ☐ Northern California (42° N. latitude to Point Reyes):

i) Vessels:

ii) Estimate of fishing effort:

iii) Additional details:

d) ☐ Oregon (Columbia River to 42° N. latitude):

i) Vessels:

ii) Estimate of fishing effort:

iii) Additional details:

9) Data Gaps: Which of the following data gaps are addressed by your Exempted Fishing Permit application, and how will they be addressed? (See Attachment B) Check all that apply:

a) ☒ Bycatch & protected species interactions

How? All bycatch and protected species caught will be photographed and logged then returned. Highest priority will be assigned to rapidly return any bycatch that is still alive.

b) ☒ Active gear tending

How? Gear will be set in a straight line, with even spacing to be determined by ambient weather and visibility. Monitoring will be done from crow's nest with stabilized binoculars. When a marker buoy is observed on the surface, indicating a hook up, the boat then proceeds to pull the gear.

c) ☒ Gear conflicts/number of vessels

How? The daily log will include the types and number of other vessels in the area and their proximity to the gear and each other. When the fish are concentrated in a limited area the first boat to set has traditionally held the right of way. But if things begin to get out of hand courteous communication and a mutual willingness to compromise is the safest way to proceed.

d) ☒ DSBG time and area use

How? The major effort will take place from June to November, inclusive. Sea Nag has a folding plank that stays on all year so in the off season, when conditions are favorable for success, we will set the gear. We are based out of San Diego so the area we plan to fish will be roughly the southern half of the California Bight. Including the southern channel islands and the coast up to about Point Dume. However, if no fish are available at home then we will travel.

e) ☒ Gear configuration

How? We will begin with the standard gear configuration of 1,000' mono with 3 - 18/0 hooks on mono gangions, with 8lb+ lead weight and 3 floats and a high flyer with radar reflector and strobe. Adjacent to the gangion attachments at the down line there will be either a caylume or a battery powered light. Improvements to the standard gear could be tried only after consultation with NMFS.

f) ☒ Concurrent gear use

How? While monitoring the DSBG from the crow's nest, a lookout for finning swordfish will also be maintained. Harpooning a swordfish and putting the gear out on it should only consume about fifteen minutes. Also we have jig poles with the ability to troll six lures for surface fish when they are available.

10) Reporting Requirements: Please answer questions identified in application instructions. I intend to comply with all reporting requirements in section F of Attachment C in the application instructions. Including, but not limited to, 24 hour notice before departure and after return, separate fish tickets for DSBG caught fish, annual preliminary report and final report and summary. The annual and final reports will also contain the day to day record of the number and type other fishing vessels in the area and their proximity to the gear and each other.

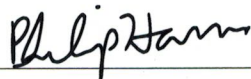
11) Observer Coverage:

☒ I acknowledge that observer coverage may be required on up to 100% of my EFP fishing trips, and verify that I am willing and able to cover the cost of such coverage.

If you are unable to cover the entire cost of the observer coverage requirement, please explain what portion you may be able to cover and identify other sources of funding which may be available to help you cover observer costs.

I could barely handle the cost for the first trip, after that I could explore the possibilities of grant funding or video monitoring. I once served on a research vessel with cameras monitoring all deck activity and there weren't any problems arising from that system.

12) Applicant(s) Signature:



Feb. 9, 2017

Date