

PROPOSED DEEP-SET BUOY GEAR EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS

In June 2016, the Council announced it would accept for review applications for exempted fishing permits (EFPs) to test deep-set buoy gear (DSBG) at any Council meeting when Highly Migratory Species (HMS) items are on the agenda.

At its March 2017 meeting the Council adopted criteria, based on a recommendation from its HMSMT, to decide if a DSBG EFP application could be approved in one Council meeting rather than the previously required two Council meetings. This change is intended to further streamline the process for approving and issuing EFPs for DSBG fishing that are very similar to current EFP fishing. In March, the Council recommended permit issuance for two applications originally submitted in November, and, pursuant to the streamlined procedure, recommended five new applications submitted in March.

In addition to recommending the applications referenced above, the Council preliminarily approved an application from Mr. Roger Cullen ([Agenda Item J.3.a, Supplemental Attachment 7, March 2017](#)) but asked him to submit additional information about the type of line he proposed using for consideration at the June meeting and requested that the Lorton/Haworth application ([Agenda Item J.3.a, Supplemental Attachment 9, March 2017](#)) be resubmitted at the June meeting with additional detail on the proposed activity as outlined in the HMSMT Report ([Agenda Item J.3.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report, March 2017](#)).

Mr. Cullen has submitted a letter explaining that he will use standard monofilament line rather than the previously proposed braided line and requesting 10 days per year on San Lucia Bank as indicated in the original application. The letter and the original application from March 2017 are combined in Attachment 1.

Mr. Lorton and Mr. Haworth have submitted a revised application included here as Attachment 2.

Seventeen new applications were received by the May 11 deadline and are listed below in the reference materials as Attachments 3 through 19.

Council Action:

Provide recommendations to NMFS on exempted fishing permit applications to test deep-set buoy gear.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 1: Explanatory Letter From Mr. Roger Cullen and DSBG EFP Application Submitted in March 2017.
2. Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 2: Revised DSBG EFP application from A. Lorton & D. Haworth.
3. Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 3: DSBG EFP application from B. Ball.
4. Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 4: DSBG EFP application from J. Ford.
5. Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 5: DSBG EFP application from M. Graves.
6. Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 6: DSBG EFP application from R. Kennedy.

7. Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 7: DSBG EFP application from A. Lutoshkin.
8. Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 8: DSBG EFP application from L. Maassen.
9. Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 9: DSBG EFP application from S. Masuda.
10. Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 10: DSBG EFP application from M. McCarthy.
11. Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 11: DSBG EFP application from M. McCorkle.
12. Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 12: DSBG EFP application from R. Rynkevic.
13. Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 13: DSBG EFP application from D. Selck.
14. Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 14: DSBG EFP application from A. Shvets.
15. Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 15: DSBG EFP application from A Sidielnikov.
16. Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 16: DSBG EFP application from T. Sokolova.
17. Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 17: DSBG EFP application from P. Spinale.
18. Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 18: DSBG EFP application from B. & J. Stephens.
19. Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 19: DSBG EFP application from V. Sviridov.
20. Agenda Item H.4.a, California Department of Fish and Wildlife Report.

Agenda Order:

- H.4 Proposed Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permits Kit Dahl
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Provide Recommendations to NMFS on Exempted Fishing Permit Applications to Test Deep-Set Buoy Gear

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