

## 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 June 2017 meeting, the Council made recommendations on the issuance of EFPs for 19 applications. Attachment 1 summarizes those recommendations. The Council recommended 12 applications for EFP issuance by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and requested seven applicants to resubmit their applications with the requested information for Council review at its September meeting.

Attachment 2 provides summary information on the applications submitted or resubmitted for review at the September 2017 Council meeting.

While approving the application, the Council asked Mr. Bob Ball to provide additional information to NMFS as part of its review process. Attachment 3 is his submission of the requested information.

Of the seven applications it asked be resubmitted, the Council gave preliminary approval to three and was unable to make an approval decision on the remaining four applications. Mr. Lutoshkin, Mr. Rynkevic, and Ms. Sokolova have submitted revised applications (Attachments 4 through 6).

Nine new applications were received by the August 15 deadline and are listed below in the reference materials as Attachments 7 through 15. (Note that the Highly Migratory Species Management Team developed a revised DSBG EFP application template, which was made available on the Council's website in mid-July. Some of the applications were submitted using the updated template while others use the original template.)

### **Council Action:**

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

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 1: Council June 2017 Recommendations on Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permit Issuance.
2. Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 2: Summary of Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permit Applications Submitted for the September 2017 Council Meeting.
3. Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 3: Letter from Mr. Bob Ball with Requested Additional Information.
4. Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 4: Resubmitted DSBG EFP Application from A. Lutoshkin.
5. Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 5: Resubmitted DSBG EFP Application from R. Rynkevic.
6. Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 6: Resubmitted DSBG EFP Application from T. Sokolova.
7. Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 7: DSBG EFP Application from R. Ellis.
8. Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 8: DSBG EFP Application from J. Foster.
9. Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 9: DSBG EFP Application from J. Hall and F. Crivello, III.

10. Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 10: DSBG EFP Application from Joshua Porter.
11. Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 11: DSBG EFP Application from Justin Porter.
12. Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 12: DSBG EFP Application from A. Rasmussen.
13. Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 13: DSBG EFP Application from A. Sidenko.
14. Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 14: DSBG EFP Application from M. Smith.
15. Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 15: DSBG EFP Application from M. Tofoya.

Agenda Order:

- J.5 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 National Marine Fisheries Service on Exempted Fishing Permit Applications to Test Deep-Set Buoy Gear

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