

PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permit Application Form

Please refer to the instructions for specifics on filling out your application.

1) Application Date: August 14, 2017

2) Applicant(s)*:

a) Name: John Hall Phone No: (925)9894701

Email: dex1007@sbcglobal.net

Address: 242 Rosa Corte, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: High Seas Fisheries, HMS

Commercial Fishing Experience:

	Years of experience	Gear type / Type of participation (captain, crew, vessel owner, etc.)
DSBG	0	
Other swordfish gear	17	LL, Troll, Captain, Owner
Other gear type(s)	23	AK Gillnet, Troll, Owner, Captain

b) Name: Frank Crivello III Phone No: (619)2007294

Email: Crivello3@aol.com

Address: 2049 Pointe Parkway, Spring Valley, CA 91978

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: High Seas Fisheries, HMS

Commercial Fishing Experience:

	Years of Experience	Gear type / Type of participation (captain, crew, vessel owner, etc.)
DSBG	0	
Other swordfish gear	21	DGN,LL, Owner, Captain
Other gear type(s)	5	Trawl, Chief Engineer, Alaska FT

3) Number of vessels*: 2

a) Vessel Name: Kaylee H Registration Number: 536620

Name of Operator: John Hall

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: HMS, High Seas Fisheries

b) Vessel Name: Laura Ann Registration Number: 672662

Name of Operator: Frank Crivello III

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

4) Do any of the applicants/vessel operators have current/pending state or federal violations

in any commercial fishery? Yes No (If yes, follow-up on the nature and status of any violations may be required as part of the application review process.)

5) Duration: The EFP will normally be issued for a two-year period from the date of issuance. If you have good reason for receiving an EFP for a longer period, specify the requested number of years and provide justification for the longer duration:

2 years will be acceptable, initially

6) Intended DSBG Configuration (see Attachment A): Standard Linked

Describe proposed gear modifications (if any) that differ from the descriptions in Attachment A:

We will fish BOTH SBG and LBG (at different times and under different ocean conditions) and all gear will meet specifications set forth by the PFMC and the WCR NMFS. Because we are operating larger vessels with larger crews (5-6 on deck) and because this is an EFP application, we would ask that we be allowed to set two (2) strings of LBG gear, a total of 60 hooks. The 2 strings would be set so that the total area footprint of the gear does NOT exceed the area limit being developed by the HMSMT and the PFMC. All the gear will be marked as required and in addition we will add strobe lights with daylight switches to all the hard floats and other strike indicators as appropriate and as required.

7) Do you intend to target any species other than swordfish? Yes No

(This does not include other species that may caught incidentally when targeting swordfish.)

If you do plan to use the gear to catch other species, list the species and how the fishing method you plan to use would differ (depth, time of day, season, etc.):

Swordfish will be targeted

8) Fishing Area and Effort:

Area	Number of vessels / Vessel names	Estimated fishing effort in number of days or sets
Southern California Bight (Pt. Conception to the U.S.-Mex. Border)	0	
Central California (Point Reyes to Point Conception)	2, Kaylee H, Laura Ann	60 days each vessel/per year
Northern California (42° N. latitude to Point Reyes)	2, Kaylee H, Laura Ann	60 days each vessel/per year
Oregon (Columbia River to 42° N. latitude)	2, Kaylee H, Laura Ann	60 days each vessel/per year

Please note that the Council is prioritizing applications to fish outside the Southern California Bight.

Additional information you think would be helpful in reviewing the application concerning where you plan to fish and the amount of fishing:

Laura Ann and Kaylee H are moderately large (21m and 23m registered length), capable steel vessels that have proven themselves throughout the Pacific in highly variable weather conditions. Therefore we anticipate working offshore waters, within the US EEZ, from the Mexican-US EEZ to the Columbia River during at least 6 months of the year. Both boats are active in other Pacific HMS pelagic fisheries during about half of the year and the remainder of the year would be spent using SBG/LBG and targeting swordfish off the Pacific Coast. We will not fish in, nor do we want to fish in, the Southern California Bight, as ultimately defined by the regulations.

Both boats are capable of, and frequently make, 20 to 30 day fishing trips in waters far offshore from the Pacific Coast so range and durability are not a factor during our fishing efforts.

9) Data Gaps: Will your EFP fishing specifically address any of the following data gaps? (See Attachment B for descriptions)

- Active gear tending
- Gear conflicts/number of vessels
- Gear configuration
- Concurrent gear use

Explain what methods you would use, or information you plan to gather, to address the data gaps you checked off above

With more than 70 years of commercial fishing experience between us in areas ranging from the Bering Sea to the South Pacific, and using a variety of gears to harvest fish, we plan on maintaining our own private spreadsheets containing data regarding proximity and numbers of vessels sighted in the vicinity of where our fishing operations are occurring. Those vessels will, when possible, be categorized by type and by type of gear they are using, including recreational gears. Those data will be made available to NMFS and, if requested, the PFMF.

In addition, while operating within the gear requirements set forth for SBG and LBG we will also utilize, when appropriate, location equipment such as radio buoys, AIS beacons and possibly GPS-satellite buoys. This additional equipment will allow us to fully monitor the location and status of our fishing gear, even in the rough weather expected seasonally north of Pt. Conception.

10) Reporting Requirements and Observer Coverage:

- You must maintain a logbook for reporting catch and other operational information (such as time and location of catch) in a format specified by National Marine Fisheries Service
- Up to 100% observer coverage may be required on your EFP fishing trips
- Data gathered as part of the EFP will be publicly available

I acknowledge the above conditions, and verify that I am willing and able to cover the cost of any level of observer coverage required under permit terms and conditions.

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.

We have been using NMFS logbooks to record our catch, discards and occasional interactions with non-target species for many years and will comply with all logbook requirements set forth for the SBG/LBG fishery.

While we would expect that the NMFS/PFMF/ENGO's would cover the cost of observers, we would be willing to consider covering part of the observer cost during the first few sets we make with the SBG/LBG when observer coverage is likely to be 100%. We anticipate that NMFS and/or ENGO's will fund the lower level of observer coverage after the first several sets have been observed by NMFS observers.

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