

HIGHLY MIGRATORY ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON PROPOSED DEEP-SET
BUOY GEAR EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) generally agrees with the Highly Migratory Species Management Team's recommendations. However, we recommend limiting the number of redundant permits for the Southern California Bight that do not fill in data gaps.

The HMSAS requests that guidelines for future exempted fishing permit (EFP) applications be revised to focus on filling data gaps.

The HMSAS suggests the Council pause approval of EFP applications with intended effort in the Southern California Bight until currently approved EFP's are implemented and providing data. Should the Council wish to start this approach at this meeting, the HMSAS recommends only approving applications for only areas outside the Bight.

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