

▶ September 2017 PFMC Meeting

## **J.6 HMSMT REPORT**

# **AUTHORIZATION OF DEEP-SET BUOY GEAR AND FEDERAL PERMITTING**

- ▶ No Action Alternative
- ▶ Action Alternatives
  - A) Permitting
  - B) Gear Description
  - C) Active Tending (Gear Footprint)
  - D) Gear Deployment and Retrieval
  - E) Multiple Gears
  - F) Geographic Area
  - G) Fishery Timing Restrictions
  - H) Species Retention
  - I) Fishery Monitoring

# A) PERMITTING

- 1) Open access
- 2) Limited entry (SCB only, open access elsewhere)
  - a. Possession
  - b. Permit renewal
  - c. Transfer
  - d. Qualifications used to initially allocate LE permits

# A) PERMITTING CONT.....

## a. Possession

- i. Permit holder on board requirement
- ii. Hold multiple permits
- iii. Include flexibility in FMP to change the authorized number of permits

## b. Permit renewal

- i. Permits are valid for one fishing year and expire if not renewed
- ii. Same as (b.i.) plus demonstrated fishery activity

# A) PERMITTING

## c. Transfer

- i. Freely transferable
- ii. Transferability restrictions

## d. Qualifications used to initially allocate LE permits

- i. Tiered system
- ii. Permit only
- iii. History
- ~~iv. Permit + history~~
- v. DGN Permit Trade-in Stand Alone

Qualification	Number of Individuals Under Each Criterion	Running Total Number of Individuals
<b>Tiered:</b>		
1. EFP Recipients		
a) "Active" as of 8/15/2017	7	7
b) Council approved as of 8/15/2017	39	39
2. "Active" DGN Permit - Trade-in (2013/14 - 2017/18)	up to 30	up to 62
3. Harpoon Landings (2013/14 - 2017/18)	26	up to 77
4. DSBG EFP Crew (2/vessel)	78	up to 155
5. "Active" DGN Permit - No Trade-In	30 - # trade-ins	up to 155
6. "Inactive" DGN Permit - Trade-In	up to 37	192
7. "Inactive" DGN Permit	37 - # trade-ins	192
<b>Permit Only:</b>		
1. DGN or Harpoon Permit (as of 08/15/2017)	67 DGN + 49 harpoon	115
2. DGN, Harpoon or DSBG (as of 08/15/2017)	67 DGN + 49 harpoon + 39 EFP	133
a. Include crew	67 DGN + 49 harpoon + 39 EFP + 78 crew	up to 211
<b>Trade-In Stand Alone:</b>		
DGN Permits Only	67	-

Active drift gillnet permits are preliminarily defined as a minimum of one landing of swordfish with DGN gear during specified seasons. Season is April 1 - March 31 of the following year.

These data are PRELIMINARY and do not reflect final numbers for authorization or permitting

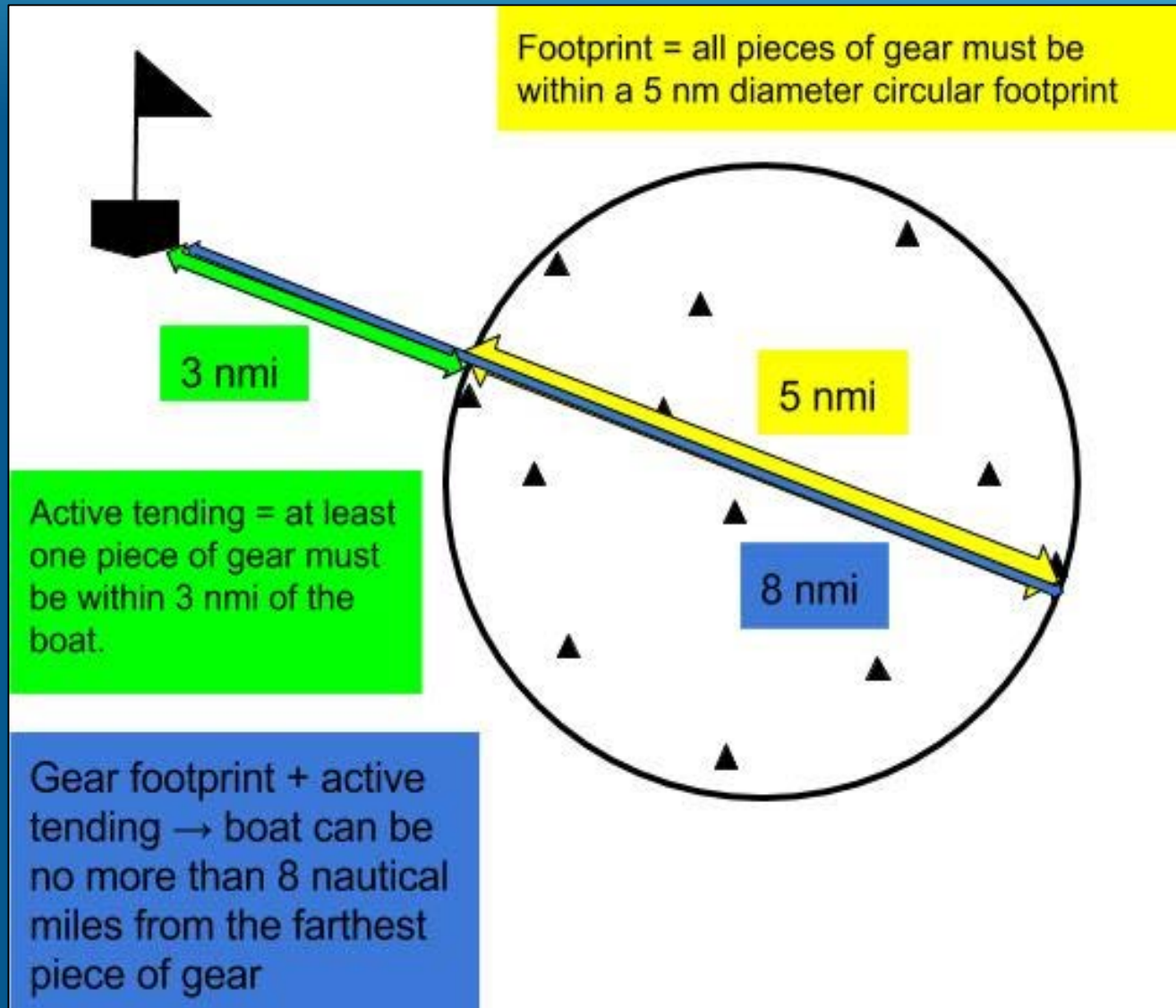
## B) GEAR DESCRIPTION

- 1) SBG (10 pieces maximum, 30 hooks maximum)
- 2) SBG + LBG (10 pieces maximum in combination, 30 hooks maximum)

## C) ACTIVE GEAR TENDING / FOOTPRINT AREA

- 1) No footprint area
- 2) Footprint area is a circle of 5 nautical miles diameter containing all pieces of gear

# C) ACTIVE GEAR TENDING / FOOTPRINT AREA CONT...





## D) GEAR DEPLOYMENT AND RETRIEVAL

- 1) No restriction on time of gear retrieval
- 2) Gear retrieval must begin at least 1 hour before local sunset
- 3) All gear without a fish on must be aboard the vessel no later than 1 hour after local sunset and all gear with a fish on must be aboard the vessel no later than 3 hours after local sunset

## E) MULTIPLE GEARS

- 1) Prohibit use of multiple gears on a trip
- 2) Allow use of multiple gears on a trip
- 3) Prohibit use of DGN and DSBG on the same trip

## F) GEOGRAPHIC AREA

- 1) All federal waters off California + Oregon
- 2) Federal waters off California and Oregon restricted to areas deeper than 150 fathoms
  - ▶ Supplemental report clarifies “Federal waters” vs. “3-200 nm offshore”

## G) FISHERY TIMING RESTRICTIONS

- 1) No restrictions within the existing fishing season/statistical year  
(Note that Alternative D, gear deployment and retrieval, includes options to prohibit deploying the gear at night)
- 2) Restrict the fishery to weekdays only in the Southern California Bight

## H) SPECIES RETENTION

- ▶ The HMSMT discussed potential additional species of concern with state representatives of the GMT, who currently did not find concern under alternative F2 (CA Federal waters + OR Federal waters >150 fathom contour)

## I) FISHERY MONITORING

- ▶ Standard approach of DGN monitoring plan developed by NMFS with opportunity for the Council to review
- ▶ HMSMT may provide additional recommendations on logbook data fields specific to the DSBG fishery at a later time