

## 2018 EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS (EFPs) NOTICE OF INTENT

The Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries Management Plan allows for exempted fishing permit (EFP) activities to be conducted under a permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service. Council Operating Procedure (COP) 23 describes the process for proposing EFPs. Under COP 23, an initial notice of intent is to be submitted in time for inclusion in the November briefing book, with final action typically occurring at the subsequent April Council meeting.

As of the November 2017 Briefing Book deadline, two proposals for EFPs had been received. One is for aerial survey work in Southern California, submitted by the California Wetfish Producers Association (Attachment 1), and the other is primarily for biological sampling in the Pacific Northwest, submitted by the West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group (Attachment 2).

### **Council Action:**

**Adopt EFP proposal for public review.**

### Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 1: California Wetfish Producers Association EFP Proposal.
2. Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 2: West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group EFP Proposal (**Full proposal electronic only**).

### Agenda Order:

- C.2 2018 Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs) Notice of Intent Kerry Griffin
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary EFPs for Public Review

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