

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS) REPORT ON
A DEEP SET BUOY GEAR (DSBG) EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT (EFP) APPLICATIONS

Updated EFP Applications from September 2017 Council Meeting

Eight EFP applications were recommended to NMFS for approval and four applications were recommended for preliminary approval during the September 2017 meeting. The applicants that were preliminarily approved have since provided NMFS with the outstanding information as requested by the Council; NMFS will consider these and all other Council-recommended DSBG and deep set linked buoy gear EFP applications from the March, June, and September 2017 Council meetings as part of ongoing analyses and Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultations.