

**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: 8-12-17

2) Applicant(s)\*: 1

a) Name: Thomas Carson Phone No: (949) 887 - 1926

Email: info@bearflagfish.com

Address: 407 31st Street Newport Beach CA.

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: Harpoon Swordfish

**Commercial Fishing Experience:**

	Years of experience	Gear type / Type of participation (captain, crew, vessel owner, etc.)
DSBG	3	<i>I have been buying deep set buoy gear fish off different vessels from the beginning</i>
Other swordfish gear	<i>Harpoon Swordfish 15 years</i>	<i>I have also marketed the fish so customers are aware what boat &amp; where the fish were caught</i>
Other gear type(s)	20	<i>Commercial caught Rod &amp; Reel yellowtail seabass tuna albacore swordfish mahimahi halibut</i>

b) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: \_\_\_\_\_

**Commercial Fishing Experience:**

	Years of Experience	Gear type / Type of participation (captain, crew, vessel owner, etc.)
DSBG		
Other swordfish gear		
Other gear type(s)		

3) Number of vessels\*: 1

a) Vessel Name: Bear Flag Registration Number: 558683

Name of Operator: Thomas Carson

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: Harpoon swordfish general

b) Vessel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Number: 558683

Name of Operator: \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: \_\_\_\_\_

\*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:

I own 4 fish market restaurants called Bear Flag  
I have recently ~~purchase~~ purchased a commercial  
fishing boat for fishing swordfish. I have been in  
business for 9 years going on ten & feel that the time &  
money it takes to target local sustainable fish would have to make

6) Intended DSBG Configuration (see Attachment A):  Standard  Linked None

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

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

(This does not include other species that may be 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.):

I intend to target swordfish, Opah & tuna.

I also intend to market deep set buoy gear fish and explain the importance of quality, sustainable fishing practices and why consumers should be aware of how important these fish are.

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)	1 Vessel Bear Flag	180 days of effort
Central California (Point Reyes to Point Conception)		
Northern California (42° N. latitude to Point Reyes)		
Oregon (Columbia River to 42° N. latitude)		

Please note that the Council is prioritizing applications to fish outside 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:

I have participated in the purchase of buoy gear fish from the beginning to support local fishermen. I am doing my best to not buy fish that are not sustainably caught. I have been trying to fade out import swordfish when possible. I typically go through about 20,000.00 lbs of swordfish a year with all 4 locations & if that could be local fish I would feel proud to support U.S. economy & this new fishery. I have been fishing swordfish my whole life growing up on a swordfish boat. I want to sell U.S. responsibly caught seafood & this is one step closer to offset foreign imported fish.



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:

*I will be actively logging data that pertains to deep set buoy gear. Time of day, location, water conditions, length of time soaking, current SS temp, mammals in the area, color of lights used, type of bait. I will make my own data sheet & I have access to internet & email on the boat*

**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.

*100% on board with what is required*

11) Applicant(s) Signature:

*Mrs Carson*

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