

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: 10-19-2017

2) Applicant(s)*:

a) Name: John Foster Phone No: (619)8659058

Email: Shellygreenfoster@gmail.com

Address: 9260 Hillside Dr

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: General Gill Net, DGN, Harpoon

Commercial Fishing Experience:

	Years of experience	Gear type / Type of participation (captain, crew, vessel owner, etc.)
DSBG	1	Over 50 set days, Pier EFP program 2015
Other swordfish gear	30	Harpoon
Other gear type(s)	9	DGN

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: Chula Registration Number: 1217070

Name of Operator: John Foster

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: General gill net, drift gill net, harpoon

b) Vessel Name: _____ Registration Number: _____

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:

Two years

6) Intended DSBG Configuration (see Attachment A): Standard Linked

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

We intend to utilize LBG in conjunction (but at separate times) with our previous EFP application for DSBG (http://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/J5_Att08_DSBG_EFP_application_Foster_1708_SEPT2017BB.pdf) which was recommended for approval by the Council in September 2017. Because we will be operating in areas not typically fished by prior EFP applicants - we would like that we be allowed to set two (2) strings of LBG gear, a total of 60 hooks. There is an understanding that the two sets of gear would not exceed the allowable footprint as defined by the MT and/or Council in coordination with the EC. All the gear will be marked as required.

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

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

Target will be swordfish

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/Chula	Up to 40days/year in areas within the Bight not previously utilized by
Central California (Point Reyes to Point Conception)	1/Chula	Up to 100 days
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 the 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:

As previously noted, John's EFP to fish traditional DSBG was recommended for approval by the Council in September of this year. This EFP would allow Mr. Foster to supplement his DSBG tests with LBG tests if weather conditions lend themselves to LBG over the DSBG configuration. Most, if not all, of John's fishing effort will take place in areas not previously utilized by the current EFP participants. For example - in in the Southern California Bight - outside of the seaward Channel Islands (San Clemente, San Nicholas and San Miguel Island); and above Point Conception (San Juan Seamount, Davidson Seamount, etc).

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

Active tending - Gyro binoculars and spotting from crows nest

Gear conflicts/number of vessels - Keep track of other DSBG in area, record any conflicts or interactions. Also record interaction with other commercial and or sport fishing conflicts.

Gear configuration - Catch information and interactions with protected species will be noted and recorded to help verify that LBG has similar results as DSBG.

Concurrent Gear Use - so long as we remain in the Council recommended footprint area, if weather conditions allow, we would like to test concurrent use of DSBG with LBG. We also intend to harpoon while the gear is deployed.

Data collection and reporting will be as required by NMFS. Documentation of each days catch will be done by permit holder, by catch released alive or dead will be photographed and documented. Fish will be separated in fish hold by type of gear used, each fish will be marked with color coded plastic flagging tape, with date and gear type written on tape, marking tape will remain on fish until delivery to market. All catch will be landed commercially

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.

We would ask request that our prior experience with DSBG would allow us to fall under Level 2 observer coverage.

11) Applicant(s) Signature: Mike Conroy Digitally signed by Mike Conroy
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