

COUNCIL ACTION ON AUTHORIZATION OF DEEP-SET BUOY GEAR AND FEDERAL
PERMITTING, AGENDA ITEM J.6, SEPTEMBER 2017

I move that the Council:

- 1) Define DSBG and Permits, for the purpose of analysis as follows:
 - a. *Possession* –
 - i. Permits will be issued to an individual entity
 - ii. Individual entities may hold multiple permits, but permits may not be stacked on a single vessel
 - iii. The permit holder will assign the permit to a specific vessel
 - iv. The permit holder will not be required to be onboard the vessel
 - b. *Renewal*
 - i. Permits will be valid for one fishing year and expire if not renewed.
 - c. *Transfer*
 - i. Transfer of permits will be prohibited until such as time as the Council feels the fishery has reached a stable state and that transfer would benefit management
 - d. *Gear Description*
 - i. The definition used in the HMSMT report (J.6.a HMSMT Report 1) of SBG and LBG will be used.
 - ii. Gear would be marked as described in the supplemental EC report (J.6.a Supplemental EC Report 1).
 - e. *Gear Tending*
 - i. Require that all gear be within a 5 nm diameter area and that the vessel be no more than 3 nm from the nearest piece of gear
 - f. *Gear Deployment/Retrieval*
 - i. Gear may not be deployed prior to local sunrise
 - ii. All gear must be onboard the vessel no later than 3 hours after local sunset
 - g. *Multiple Gears*
 - i. Multiple gears may be used on a trip. All landings must be tagged or marked to identify the gear used.
 - h. *Geographic Area*
 - i. All Federal waters offshore California and Oregon
 - i. *Fishery Timing*
 - i. No restrictions within the existing fishing season/statistical year
 - j. *Species*
 - i. All legal HMS are allowed
 - k. *Fishery Monitoring*
 - i. Logbooks will be required
 - ii. All monitoring requirements in the HMS FMP will be followed
- 2) The Range of Alternatives for consideration under NEPA will include
 - a. Permitting

- i. Open Access
- ii. Open Access north of Point Conception and Limited Entry South of Point Conception
 - 1. Limited Entry South of Point Conception Alternatives
 - a. Capacity
 - i. 50 permits
 - ii. 150 permits
 - iii. 250 permits
 - b. Qualifications to obtain permits
 - i. No qualifications
 - ii. Only HMS permittees
 - iii. Only persons with demonstrated swordfish fishery participation to be allocated based on criteria defined by the Council

Moved by John Ugoretz

Seconded by Buzz Brizendine

Amendment (moved by Caren Braby; seconded by Herb Pollard)

I move the Council amend the main motion to add an option under “Capacity” for 10 limited entry permits

Amendment carried unanimously.

Main motion as amended carried unanimously.