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Pacific Fishery Management Council  
Attn: HMS EFP Application  
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Portland, OR 97220  
[PFMC.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:PFMC.comments@noaa.gov)

Re: HMS EFP Application

Dear Pacific Fishery Management Council:

I have been a commercial fisherman, and have been for over 40 years. My life is on the Pacific Ocean. I have fished out of Newport Beach my entire life. I have held numerous permits. I currently fish my Federal Groundfish Permit and Highly Migratory Species Permit. A typical week for me consists of two or three 24 hour fishing trips. I often spot swordfish on the fishing grounds that I frequent. If granted a DSBG permit, I would fish it concurrently with my Federal Groundfish Permit. It would get a lot of use.

My boat is already equipped with a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) and I participate in the NOAA Observer Program.

Due to my expertise in fishing and the local Pacific Ocean, I believe you would not regret issuing me this permit. Commercial fishing is what I do and I would love the opportunity to fish a DSBG Exempted Fishing Permit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Robert Breneman

**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: Feb. 5, 2018

2) Applicant(s)\*:

a) Name: Robert Breneman Phone No: (714) 392-3296

Email: sbreneman@gmail.com

Address: 282 Santo Tomas, Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: Fixed Federal Groundfish Permit, Highly Migratory Species Permit

Commercial Fishing Experience:

	Years of experience	Gear type / Type of participation (captain, crew, vessel owner, etc.)
DSBG		
Other swordfish gear		
Other gear type(s)	40 yrs	Shrimp / longline / lobster / crab / hook and line / troll → CAPTAIN

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: Isla Rose Registration Number: 1242569

Name of Operator: Robert Breneman

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: Fixed Gear Federal Ground fish Permit

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:

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

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

none  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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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 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.):

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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/Isla Rose	50 days
Central California (Point Reyes to Point Conception)	1/Isla Rose	50 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 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:

The vessel will be fishing banks from Mexico border up to Morro Bay. During the summer, we plan to fish our fixed gear out of Morro Bay. This increase in territory can help with your study.



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 → going to use standard gear
- Concurrent gear use

Explain what methods you would use, or information you plan to gather, to address the data gaps you checked off above:

- ① Active Gear Tending - Planning on keeping gear within site and having flags equipped with radar reflectors in case of fog to eliminate lost gear
- ② Gear conflict - will fish both <sup>permits</sup> together and fish the Central Cal. block which has less boat traffic than So. Cal. bite
- ③ Concurrent gear use - going to fish both types of gear within site of each other to determine if there is any

- 10) Reporting Requirements and Observer Coverage:** interference with deep set gear
- 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 <sup>buoy</sup> gear
  - 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.

11) Applicant(s) Signature:

Rob Breuer