

NEW AND CONTINUING EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT APPROVAL
 FOR 2019-2020

At its November 2017 meeting, the Council made recommendations on the four exempted fishing permit (EFP) applications, which were made available for public review, as follows.

EFP	Council’s November 2017 Recommendations	Location of Set-Aside Requests
1. San Francisco Community Fishing Association and Dan Platt Application: <i>Groundfish EFP Proposal: Yellowtail Rockfish Jig Fishing off California [within the RCA]</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send out for public review 	Page 11 of application Agenda Item E.2 Attachment 1 (Note: canary request increased from 1 mt to 2 mt)
2. Scott Cook Application: <i>Groundfish Exempted Fishing Permit Proposal: Commercial Midwater Hook & Line Rockfish Fishing in the RCA off the Oregon coast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send out for public review • All projected impacts should be taken as off-the-top deductions from the ACL to reduce complexity. • Reduce the caps to 0.12 mt for yelloweye rockfish and 3 mt for canary. 	Page 18 of application Agenda Item E.2 Attachment 2 (Note: application has not been revised to reflect Council recommendation)
3. Real Good Fish (Alan Lovewell) Application. <i>Monterey Bay Fishermen Exempted Fishing Application – Chilipepper Rockfish</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send out for public review • EFP applicant should revise the application to provide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 100 percent observer coverage to compare to data collected by EM. ○ A better description of the gear and the depth where the weight and fishing hooks will be deployed. • Increase the cap for yelloweye rockfish cap to 0.06 mt. 	Page 3 of application Agenda Item E.2 Attachment 3
4. Tom Mattusch Application and Addendum: <i>Chilipepper/Yellowtail Long Leader Exempted Fishing Permit [Recreational within the RCA]</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send out for public review • Identify vessels fishing under this EFP with a research banner. • Applicant should provide an update on observer coverage in time for Council final action in June 2018. 	Page 3 the application Agenda Item E.2 Attachment 4 (Note: amounts requested vary from Nov 2017)

Under this agenda item, the Council is to consider final approval of these EFP applications. Those that the Council recommends will be forwarded to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for implementation in the next biennial management cycle.

As part of adopting the final EFPs, the Council will also need to specify set-aside amounts, as needed. The above table also indicates the location of set-aside requests within the applications and whether or not those amounts match the amounts from November 2017.

In addition to final action on the November 2017 EFPs, under this agenda item the Council will consider preliminary action on extending the midwater trawl and gear EFP for up to another two years (Agenda Item E.2., Attachment 5). Once NMFS finalizes the Council recommended gear rule, the gear provisions of this EFP will no longer be needed. However, the midwater trawl provisions of the EFP are needed to develop the information necessary to support Council deliberations on expanding the times and areas during which midwater trawling is allowed to target non-whiting species. No set-asides are required for this EFP since groundfish catch will be covered by individual fishing quota (IFQ) or taken within the structure of the bi-monthly trip limits for non-IFQ species. The Council may wish to move forward with a two year recommendation for 2019-2020 and leave it to NMFS to decide whether it is best to implement the EFP as two one-year EFPs or one two-year EFP.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt final recommendations for 2019-2020 EFPs sent out for review in November 2017.**
- 2. Adopt yield set-asides to accommodate those EFPs, as needed.**
- 3. Adopt preliminary recommendation for midwater trawl EFP.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 1: Application for Exempted Fishing Permit for Yellowtail Rockfish Jig Fishing for the 2019-2020 Fishing Season.
2. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 2: Groundfish Exempted Fishing Permit Proposal: Commercial Midwater Hook and Line Rockfish Fishing in the RCA off the Oregon Coast.
3. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 3: Monterey Bay Regional Exempted Fishing Permit – Chilipepper Rockfish.
4. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 4: Chilipepper/Yellowtail Long Leader EFP.
5. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 5: Year-Round Coastwide Midwater Rockfish EFP: Monitoring and Minimizing Salmon Bycatch When Targeting Rockfish in the Shorebased IFQ Fishery.

Agenda Order:

- E.2 New and Continuing Exempted Fishing Permit Approval for 2019-2020 Jim Seger
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Recommendations for New and Continuing EFPs for 2019-2020

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