

UPDATE ON EXISTING DEEP-SET BUOY GEAR (DSBG)
EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS

According to Council Operation Procedure (COP) 20, the Protocol for Consideration of Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs) for Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fisheries, each EFP applicant must present a report on the results of the EFP at the June Council meeting.

Fishing has occurred under two EFPs issued pursuant to COP 20: the Pflieger Institute of Environmental Research (PIER) and Timothy and Laura Ferguson. Both of these EFPs are to test deep-set buoy gear. The Council originally approved the applications for these EFPs in March 2015. These EFP holders last reported to the Council in March 2017 (Agenda Item J.2).

Attachment 1 is a written report on activity under the PIER EFP. The Fergusons made four sets in 2017 and didn't catch any swordfish.

Council Action:

Discussion.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.4, Attachment 1: 2015-2017 PIER Deep-Set Buoy Gear EFP Preliminary Summary – May, 2018.

Agenda Order:

- G.4 Update on Existing Deep-Set Buoy Gear (DSBG) Exempted Fishing Permits Kit Dahl
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. Council Discussion