

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT ON INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is providing this report to update the Pacific Fishery Management Council on the 2019 trawl gear exempted fishing permit (EFP).

2019 Trawl Gear EFP

The 2019 Trawl Gear EFP began on January 1 of this year. NMFS held an open enrollment period from November 28 through December 14, 2018. A total of 42 vessels registered for the 2019 Trawl Gear EFP and 37 of 42 permits have been issued. The remaining five vessels do not meet EFP eligibility requirements at this time.

As of February 20, 7 vessels have participated in the Trawl Gear EFP during the 2019 fishing year. These vessels have caught 11 Chinook salmon, no eulachon, sturgeon, or Coho salmon, and approximately 2.1 million pounds of groundfish, totaling approximately \$925,400 in revenue. Of the 11 Chinook salmon caught so far in 2019, six were caught north of 42° North latitude and five were caught south of 42° North latitude (See Table 1).

Table 1. Summary of trawl gear EFP and non-EFP, non-whiting midwater trawl catches for the 2019 fishing year (as of February 20, 2019).

Region	Group	# of Vessels	Trips	Chinook (#)	Eulachon (#)	Sturgeon (#)	Groundfish Weight (lbs)	Groundfish Revenue (\$)
N of 42	Bottom Trawl Vessels	2	10	0	0	0	647,469	\$409,522
	Midwater Trawl Vessels	3	18	6	0	0	1,328,315	\$442,716
S of 42	Bottom Trawl Vessels	1	2	0	0	0	50,835	\$42,153
	Midwater Trawl Vessels	1	2	5	0	0	83,329	\$31,051