

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE ON EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS

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. NMFS held a second open enrollment period from February 26, 2019, through March 15, 2019. A total of 49 vessels registered for the 2019 Trawl Gear FP and 44 of 49 permits have been issued. The remaining five vessels do not meet EFP eligibility requirements at this time.

As of June 3, 18 vessels have participated in the Trawl Gear EFP during the 2019 fishing year. These vessels have caught 47 Chinook salmon, no eulachon, sturgeon, or Coho salmon, and approximately 11.8 million pounds of groundfish, totaling approximately \$4.0 million in revenue. Of the 47 Chinook salmon caught so far in 2019, 38 were caught north of 42° North latitude and seven 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 June 3, 2019).

Region	Group	# of Vessels	Trips	Chinook (#)	Eulachon (#)	Sturgeon (#)	Groundfish Weight (lbs)	Groundfish Revenue (\$)
N of 42	Bottom Trawl Vessels	4	23	6	0	0	1,423,035	\$811,511
	Midwater Trawl Vessels	11	112	32	0	0	9,233,590	\$2,671,565
S of 42	Bottom Trawl Vessels	2	12	0	0	0	376,954	\$272,633
	Midwater Trawl Vessels	1	8	7	0	0	332,639	\$119,139