

**HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT
 ON EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS**

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) offers the following comments on Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs).

2018 DSBG EFP Activity Reports

The HMSAS appreciates the time and energy EFP participants spent in providing valuable insights into the operational aspects of their fishing activities (see Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 20). A common theme among the reports was that economic viability was less than expected and was a concern. This is the most comprehensive information provided by deep-set buoy gear participants that are not affiliated with PIER.

Status of previously approved; but unissued, EFPs

Once an EFP application is approved, the fisherman is required to complete additional steps (protected species workshops, etc.) before that EFP will be issued. At present, approximately 50 percent of EFP applicants did not complete the additional steps. The HMSAS recommends that applicants be given twelve months from publication in the *Federal Register* to secure issuance of the EFP. After twelve months, the application would be deemed abandoned.

EFP Applications submitted for this meeting

Name	HMSAS Recommendation	Comments
Lins	YES	Not for the tender
Gerritsen	YES	
McCafferey	YES	4 boats
Smith		Approved under Lins
Roach	YES	Saronga duplicative with Flynn
Dirkse	YES	Informs fishing albacore simultaneously?
Guglielmo	YES	2 boats
Gibbs, Grey	YES	2 boats
Flynn		Saronga is duplicative with Roach
Stephens	YES	
Estrada	YES	Not the skiff.
Green	YES	Boat Duplicate with Flynn
Burke	YES	
Bateman	YES	
Marvin	YES	
Perez, Carson	*	*
Kirkpatrick	YES	
Doljanin	YES	Two vessels listed although one vessel identified.

* Perez, Carson: Concerns about fishing at night include actively tending, enforcement, observers, possible lost gear, increased bycatch, etc. However, this application might be of interest to fill this data gap. If successful, could generate a new fishery.

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