

**NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT 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 issued a total of 46 EFPs to eligible vessels. As of August 26, 15 vessels have participated in the Trawl Gear EFP during the 2019 fishing year (7 vessels fished midwater only, 2 fished bottom trawl only, and 6 fished using both gear types). These vessels have caught 46 Chinook salmon<sup>1</sup>, no eulachon, sturgeon, or Coho salmon, and approximately 13.3 million pounds of groundfish, totaling approximately \$4.6 million in revenue. Of the 46 Chinook salmon caught in 2019, 40 were caught north of 42° North latitude and six 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 August 26, 2019).**

Region	Group	# of Vessels	Trips	Chinook (#)	Eulachon (#)	Sturgeon (#)	Groundfish Weight (lbs)	Groundfish Revenue (\$)
N of 42	Bottom Trawl Vessels	5	28	6	0	0	1,670,622	\$974,162
	Midwater Trawl Vessels	13	140	33	0	0	10,914,921	\$3,237,894
S of 42	Bottom Trawl Vessels	3	13	0	0	0	394,974	\$285,203
	Midwater Trawl Vessels	1	8	7	0	0	332,639	\$119,139

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<sup>1</sup> The NMFS Supplemental Report from the June 2019 Council meeting stated that 47 Chinook salmon had been caught. This number included one Chinook salmon from a non-EFP trip.