

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS - FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

At the June 2019 meeting in San Diego, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) preliminarily approved the exempted fishing permit (EFP) application submitted by Mr. Nathan Perez and Mr. Thomas Carson to fish a modified configuration of both standard and linked deep-set buoy gear (DSBG) at night. We understand the applicants remain interested in pursuing this EFP and we support the testing of the gear at night under appropriate conditions. We agree with the Highly Migratory Species Management Team's (HMSMT's) suggestion of defining it as night gear.

At this meeting, the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel heard a brief presentation from Ms. Elizabeth Helmers of the HMSMT and concurs with their recommendation that the Council approve this EFP and recommend that National Marine Fisheries Service issue it.

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