

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).

The 2019 Trawl Gear EFP began on January 1 of this year. NMFS issued a total of 46 EFPs to eligible vessels. As of October 28, 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 48 Chinook salmon, no eulachon, sturgeon, or Coho salmon, and approximately 14 million pounds of groundfish, totaling approximately \$4.9 million in revenue. Of the 48 Chinook salmon caught in 2019, 41 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, non-whiting midwater and bottom trawl catches for the 2019 fishing year (as of October 28, 2019).

Region	Group	# of Vessels	Trips ¹	Chinook (#)	Eulachon (#)	Sturgeon (#)	Groundfish Weight (lbs)	Groundfish Revenue (\$)
N of 42	Bottom Trawl Vessels	6	30	6	0	0	1,758,009	\$1,039,839
	Midwater Trawl Vessels	12	152	35	0	0	11,427,199	\$3,390,070
S of 42	Bottom Trawl Vessels	3	19	0	0	0	482,106	\$350,294
	Midwater Trawl Vessels	1	8	7	0	0	332,639	\$119,139

NMFS will hold an open enrollment period for vessels that would like to participate in the 2020 Trawl Gear EFP in late November/early December.

¹ Trip totals include individual fish tickets and not necessarily unique EFP trips since some vessels fish with both midwater and bottom trawl gear on the same EFP trip.