

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE ON EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is providing this report to update the Pacific Fishery Management Council on the 2020 trawl gear exempted fishing permit (EFP).

2020 Trawl Gear EFP

The 2020 Trawl Gear EFP began on January 1 of this year. NMFS held an open enrollment period from November 26 through December 6, 2019. A total of 45 vessels registered for the 2020 Trawl Gear EFP and 41 of 45 permits have been issued. The remaining four vessels do not meet EFP eligibility requirements at this time.

As of March 23, 10 vessels have participated in the Trawl Gear EFP during the 2020 fishing year. These vessels have caught 12 Chinook salmon, no eulachon, sturgeon, or Coho salmon, and approximately 3.5 million pounds of groundfish, totaling approximately \$1.2 million in revenue. All 12 Chinook salmon were caught north of 42° North latitude (See Table 1).

Table 1. Summary of trawl gear EFP catches for the 2020 fishing year (as of March 23, 2020).

Region	Group	# of Vessels	Trips ¹	Chinook (#)	Eulachon (#)	Sturgeon (#)	Groundfish Weight (lbs)	Groundfish Revenue (\$)
N of 42	Bottom Trawl Vessels	4	10	5	0	0	448,392	\$312,983
	Midwater Trawl Vessels	9	39	7	0	0	3,107,499	\$915,184
S of 42	Bottom Trawl Vessels	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
	Midwater Trawl Vessels	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0

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.