

Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permit Application Form

1) Application Date: April 13, 2020

2) Applicant(s)*:

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Address: 4207 Quapaw Ave San Diego, CA 92117

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: Tier 1 Spot Prawn, Tier 1 California Spiny Lobster, Tier 1 Southern Rock Crab, HMS, General Gillnet, General Trap, Tidal Invertebrate

Any history of current/pending state or federal violations in any commercial fishery? Yes No

b) Name: Charles Saraspe Phone No: (619) 517-1912

Email: Charliesaraspe@yahoo.com

Address: 4207 Quapaw Ave San Diego CA, 92117

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: HMS, Lobster Crewmember, Tidal Invertebrate, General Trap

Any history of current/pending state or federal violations in any commercial fishery? Yes No

3) Number of vessels*: 2

a) Vessel Name: Sarah Renee

Registration (Documentation) Number: 995514

Name of Operator: Saraspe, Andres & Saraspe, Charles

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: Tier 1 Spot Prawn, Tier 1 California Spiny Lobster, Tier 1 Southern Rock Crab, HMS, General Gillnet, General Trap, Tidal Invertebrate

Any history of current/pending state or federal violations in any commercial fishery?
Yes No

b) Vessel Name: American Pride (Recently purchased, name may change in future)

Registration Number: CF 4774 TB

Name of Operator: Saraspe, Charles

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: HMS, General Trap Permit, Tidal Invertebrate

Any history of current/pending state or federal violations in any commercial fishery?

Yes No

4) Commercial Fishing Experience of EFP Participants*:

a.1) DSBG - Years: 0 Type of participation: -

a.2) Other Swordfish gear – Type(s): Harpoon

Years: 36

Type of Participation: Operator of Vessel, Crewmember

a.3) Other gear(s) – Type(s): Gillnet Years: 10

Type of Participation: Crewmember

b.1) DSBG - Years: 0 Type of participation: -

b.2) Other Swordfish gear – Type(s): Harpoon

Years: 10

Type of Participation: Crewmember

5) Proposed EFP duration:

We are seeking at least two years with an option for renewal.

Justification: We commercial fish for a living and would like to determine the profitability, sustainability, and efficacy of this new method for harvesting swordfish due to the

decreasing productivity of the harpoon fishery which is now seemingly much less profitable.

6) Intended DSBG Configuration: Standard (Attachment A) Modified (please explain)

7) Target Species: Swordfish only Other (please list): We plan to specifically target swordfish, although we would like to retain and sell marketable species such as opah, tuna, mako sharks, etc. that are incidentally caught.

8) Fishing Area and Effort (indicate all that apply):

a) Southern California Bight (Point Conception to the U.S.-Mexico Border):

i) Vessels: 2

ii) Estimate of fishing effort:

Vessel A (Sarah Renee) Up to 50 days

Vessel B (American Pride) Up to 100 days

iii) Additional details: During productive months for the use of DSBG, we also fish Spot Prawn, Lobster, and Rock Crab on Vessel A (F/V Sarah Renee) therefore swordfish may only be the target one or two days per week. On vessel B (F/V American Pride), we plan to solely target swordfish during months of productivity.

By utilizing two very different size vessels, we can determine the effective number of sets of gear that a smaller vs. a larger boat can tend to and effectively utilize without conflict.

b) Central California (Point Reyes to Point Conception):

i) Vessels:

ii) Estimate of fishing effort:

_____ iii) Additional
details: _____

c) Northern California (42° N. latitude to Point Reyes):

i) Vessels:

ii) Estimate of fishing effort:

_____ iii) Additional
details: _____

d) Oregon (Columbia River to 42° N. latitude):

i) Vessels:

ii) Estimate of fishing effort:

_____ iii) Additional
details: _____

9) Data Gaps: Which of the following data gaps are addressed by your Exempted Fishing Permit application, and how will they be addressed? (See Attachment B) Check all that apply:

a) Bycatch & protected species interactions

How?

Bycatch and protected species catches will be recorded in detail and released as safely and as timely as possible. Constant tending will allow for this timely response and release.

b) Active gear tending

How?

Ten sets of gear will be utilized on Vessel A with constant checking by utilizing gyro-stabilized binoculars from the tower which enables visibility over multiple miles. We will be within three miles from the nearest set gear at all times with a total spatial distribution of all pieces of gear that will not exceed a 5 nm footprint. We also plan to use flags with radar reflectors for low light/foggy conditions.

In vessel B we plan to first attempt using five sets of gear because it does not have a tower which makes it more difficult to observe and tend to the gear. However, this vessel cruises at a fast speed of 24kts which will be beneficial in constant tending of the gear. We will be within three miles from the nearest set gear at all times with a total spatial distribution of all pieces of gear that will not exceed a 5 nm footprint. We also plan to use flags with radar reflectors for low light/foggy conditions.

c) Gear conflicts/number of vessels

How?

Any conflicts and/or interactions with other sportfishing, commercial fishing, and other vessels traveling through the area that is being fished will be recorded. Any conflicts/interactions with other DSBG will also be recorded although the gear will be set to avoid these conflicts.

d) DSBG time and area use

How?

The standard DSBG will be used only during daylight hours for a maximum set time of eight hours. We plan to only fish the Southern California Bight area due to vessel size and our home port location. We understand that DSBG is utilized by many permit holders in this area, however, there is a long stretch of coast (and islands) that are underutilized and we would like to try new areas to avoid gear conflicts and increase our catch rates.

e) Gear configuration

How?

Standard DSBG will be utilized.

f) Concurrent gear use

How?

While staying within three miles of the nearest DSBG, we intend to also utilize harpooning (on Vessel A), trolling, and/or bait fishing (on Vessels A and B) as long as it is not a complete distraction from tending to the DSBG.

10) Reporting Requirements: Please answer questions identified in application instructions.

Data collection and reporting will be completed as required (including landing ticket, HMS logbook, preliminary report as well as final report). Within seven days of landing DSBG fish, the permit holder will report the days catch in addition to a photograph of the fish ticket to the NMFS WCR primary contact, Chris Fanning.

If fish are retained with the use of other fishing methods, they will be separated in the fish hold in addition to being zip-tied with separate color zip ties to ensure distinction between DSBG caught fish and other method caught fish.

11) Observer Coverage:

I acknowledge that observer coverage may be required on up to 100% of my EFP fishing trips, and verify that I am willing and able to cover the cost of such coverage.

If you are unable to cover the entire cost of the observer coverage requirement, please explain what portion you may be able to cover and identify other sources of funding which may be available to help you cover observer costs.

As we acknowledge that observer coverage may be required on up to 100% of our EFP fishing trips, and we are willing to cover costs, we would like the council to take into consideration our experience on the water, commercial fishing for a living for the past forty-one years. We understand observer coverage is required for the first three fishing days but we would ask that after those three days, observer attendance decreases to minimize costs while we utilize DSBG to sustainably produce a profit with the catch of swordfish.

12) Applicant(s) Signature:

Andres Saraspe Date: 4/13/2020

Andres J Saraspe

Charles Saraspe Date: 4/13/2020

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