

PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permit Application Form

Please refer to the instructions for specifics on filling out your application.

July 14, 2020

1) Application Date: _____

2) Applicant(s)*:

a) Name: Nicholas Tharp Phone No: (805) 801-5750

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Address: 1187 Coast Village Road #287, Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: Shallow Nearshore, Deeper Nearshore

Commercial Fishing Experience:

	Years of experience	Gear type / Type of participation (captain, crew, vessel owner, etc.)
DSBG	0	
Other swordfish gear	0	
Other gear type(s)	7	Captain/Crew: groundfish (bottom longline, vertical sets, traps, stick gear)

b) Name: _____ Phone No: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: _____

Commercial Fishing Experience:

	Years of Experience	Gear type / Type of participation (captain, crew, vessel owner, etc.)
DSBG		
Other swordfish gear		
Other gear type(s)		

3) Number of vessels*: 1

a) Vessel Name: F/V First Light Registration Number: 1164782

Name of Operator: Nicholas Tharp
Commercial Fishing Permits Held: Shallow Nearshore (South w/ trap endorsement),
Deeper Nearshore

b) Vessel Name: _____ Registration Number: _____

Name of Operator: _____

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: _____

***List information for additional EFP applicants/vessels/participants on a separate page.**

4) Do any of the applicants/vessel operators have current/pending state or federal violations in any commercial fishery? Yes No (If yes, follow-up on the nature and status of any violations may be required as part of the application review process.)

5) Duration: The EFP will normally be issued for a two-year period from the date of issuance. If you have good reason for receiving an EFP for a longer period, specify the requested number of years and provide justification for the longer duration:
2 years

6) Intended DSBG Configuration (see Attachment A): Standard Linked

Describe proposed gear modifications (if any) that differ from the descriptions in Attachment A:
none

7) Do you intend to target any species other than swordfish? Yes No

(This does not include other species that may be caught incidentally when targeting swordfish.)

If you do plan to use the gear to catch other species, list the species and how the fishing method you plan to use would differ (depth, time of day, season, etc.):
none

8) Fishing Area and Effort:

Area	Number of vessels / Vessel names	Estimated fishing effort in number of days or sets
Southern California Bight (Pt. Conception to the U.S.-Mex. Border)	1 vessel F/V First Light	40
Central California (Point Reyes to Point Conception)	1 vessel F/V First Light	10
Northern California (42° N. latitude to Point Reyes)		
Oregon (Columbia River to 42° N. latitude)		

Please note that applications to fish outside the Southern California Bight will be looked on more favorably in the review process.

Additional information you think would be helpful in reviewing the application concerning where you plan to fish and the amount of fishing:

We are based out of Santa Barbara, CA. This gives us access to the Channel Islands as well as the Central Coast. The vessel has a 350nm range and we will travel as necessary to find the fish. The vessel is currently being upgraded with new electronics including a 3kW transducer and TimeZero charting software.

9) Data Gaps: Will your EFP fishing specifically address any of the following data gaps? (See Attachment B for descriptions)

- Active gear tending
- Gear conflicts/number of vessels
- Gear configuration
- Concurrent gear use

Explain what methods you would use, or information you plan to gather, to address the data gaps you checked off above

Since blackgill rockfish and swordfish are often found in the same areas (1200-1800' of water) I intend to fish them concurrently. We'll tend the DSBG while deploying vertical sets for blackgill rockfish. They both utilize similar equipment (bandit reels, hiflyers,...) and that will make gear management easier. We have 2 bandit reels onboard. One will be setup for DSBG and the other for blackgill. That way when on of the DSBG gets bit, we can immediately get on the fish without having to rerack the deck.

10) Reporting Requirements and Observer Coverage:

- You must maintain a logbook for reporting catch and other operational information (such as time and location of catch) in a format specified by National Marine Fisheries Service
- Up to 100% observer coverage may be required on your EFP fishing trips
- Data gathered as part of the EFP will be publicly available

I acknowledge the above conditions, and verify that I am willing and able to cover the cost of any level of observer coverage required under permit terms and conditions.

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.

11) Applicant(s) Signature: _____

