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Pacific Fishery Management Council

Attention HMS EFP Application
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101
Portland, Or 97220

Dear Pacific Fishery Management Council

Attached is an application for Deep-Set Buoy Gear. As a current swordfish permit holder I am asking to be granted the Deep-Set Buoy Gear experimental permit. I have been a commercial fisherman since 1982 and have had many opportunities to fish swordfish. My current vessel is the perfect tool for this fishery. It is a 24 foot Aluminum skiff that is powered by a Yanmar diesel giving it power and speed with the top speed of 30 knots. That will enable me to tend my gear and reduce any bycatch. The vessel will be used for day basis and return to port every evening allowing observers the opportunity to go home.

Commercial fishing is my only income and the urchin fishery that I have been most involved in has taken a dramatic turn in the last two years. I am hoping that you will allow me the opportunity to work locally with this new permit.

Sincerely,



James E. Eberhardt



Deep-Set Buoy Gear Application

Friday May 15 2020

Application Date Friday May 15 2020

Applicant(s):

*We have provided room for two applicant names below - Applicant a) and Applicant b). If you have additional applicants/vessels/participants, please fill them in the field at the bottom of this form.

Applicant a)

James E Eberhardt

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Commercial Fishing Permits Held:

Pacific Highly Migratory Species Permit, Commercial Fishing Permit, LOBSTER, CRAB, Deeper nearshore, Sea Urchin, sea cucumber, swordfish.

Commercial Fishing Experience:

	Years of Experience	Gear type / Type of participation (Captain, Crew, Vessel owner, etc.)
DSBG	<u>0</u>	<u>vessel owner</u>
Other swordfish gear	<u>2</u>	<u>DGN / Crew</u>
Other gear type(s)	<u>37</u>	<u>Rod and Reel / Captain, Operator</u>

Number of vessels*: 1

Vessel a) Name: Quicksilver

Registration Number: CF 8690 TR

Name of Operator: James E Eberhardt

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: Pacific Highly Migratory Species Vessel Permit

*List information for additional EFP applicants/vessels/participants in the field at the bottom of this form.

Do any of the applicants/vessel operators have current/pending state or federal violations in any commercial fishery? (If Yes, follow-up on the nature and status of any violations may be required as part of the application review process).

No

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:

Requesting A two Year Permit.

Intended DSBG Configuration (See Attachment A)

Standard

Describe proposed gear modifications (if any) that differ from the descriptions in Attachment A:

No Gear Modifications. Will be using SBG Configuration, as Based on the gear description in the February 1, 2015, PIER EFP application (Agenda Item H.3.a, Attachment 2, March 2016). See also C. A. Sepulveda, C. Heberer, and S. A. Aalbers. 2014. Development and Trial of Deep-set Buoy Gear for Swordfish, *Xiphias gladius*, in the Southern California Bight. Marine Fisheries Review 76(4): 28- 36.).

Do you intend to target any species other than swordfish? (This does not include other species that get caught incidentally when targeting swordfish)

No

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.):

Swordfish Only.

Fishing Area and Effort:

	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/Quicksilver	100
Central California (Point Reyes to Point Conception)	N/A	N/A
Northern California (42 degrees N. latitude to Point Reyes)	N/A	N/A
Oregon (Columbia River to 42 degrees N. latitude)	N/A	N/A

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:

Due to Vessel size, we only fish the Southern California Bight.

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

Active gear tending Concurrent gear use

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

Active Gear Tending Data Gap - Ocular, Binoculars, Set Points on GPS while being mindful of winds and currents.

Concurrent Gear Use - Hook and Line with live bait, jigs, flat falls, etc.. while actively tending DSBG.

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.

Yes

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:

N/A

Applicant a) Signature:

