



July 29, 2020

To whom it may concern,

The Outer Limits is a 65 foot commercial passenger fishing vessel (CPFV) specializing in taking clients fishing for pelagic game fish and rockfish. In addition to Sportfishing the Outer Limits is well known in the Marine Science community as a research and support vessel. Throughout the years we have participated in many fisheries related projects with the science community and understand the value of a successful partnership between fisherman and the science community. Our background provides us with the experiences to be well trained to collect and provide accurate useable data. We are a well-equipped vessel with many amenities and welcome any and all observers.

Diversification is key to any business, the Outer Limits currently has fishing charters mostly fishing pelagics June through October. With the economy soaring the past few years the charter fishing has been pretty hot however if a downturn in the economy happens the number of clients with disposable income for recreational fishing will decrease and a shorter season will follow. We have looked at several commercial fisheries to branch out to, however most would need a major retrofit to the vessel or are just not suited for a mid-size vessel. Deep-Set Buoy Gear (DSBG) is a good fit in the future of our business endeavors.

With a strong rod and reel background, setting gear is second nature. Multiple sets of stabliscopes, binoculars and navigation software that allows for satellite buoy tracking allow us to be well equipped at tracking our gear. In addition, our daily uploads of water profiles, the ability to stay out at sea for multiple days at a time and 1,000 mile range would help us fish in areas that may be less frequented but stand in favorable conditions.

DSBG is a valuable revenue source that will offset unchartered dates and downturns in the economy where CPFVs may face hardship. While achieving this we also hope to collect and provide valuable data where gaps are present.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Fischer".

Paul Fischer
President

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.

1) Application Date: June 28 2020

2) Applicant(s)*:

a) Name: Paul Fischer Phone No: 619-757-7940

Email: Outerlimitscharters@gmail.com

Address: 3429 Aveley PL, San Diego, CA 92111

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: HMS

Commercial Fishing Experience:

| | Years of experience | Gear type / Type of participation (captain, crew, vessel owner, etc.) |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DSBG | | |
| Other swordfish gear | | |
| Other gear type(s) | 25 | <small>hook and line, lobster crewmember for 2 years, mid slope rockfish set lines cplv captain and owner</small> |

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: Outer Limits Registration Number: 686719

Name of Operator: Paul Fischer

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: HMS

b) Vessel Name: Outer Limits Registration Number: 686719

Name of Operator: Paul Fischer

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: HMS

***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:

Two years. With a strong hook and line background I expect to pick this up fairly quickly.

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

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

At this time I do not propose any gear modifications.

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.):

Swordfish is the intended species, however any marketable species incidentally captured would be retained and an emphasis is placed on the safe release of all other species.

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 | 30 days |
| Central California (Point Reyes to Point Conception) | | |
| 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:

The Outer Limits has a long reputable history working with the Marine science community on many projects. With such a positive track record and our long history fishing pelagics, we are proven to provide accurate and meaningful data. To the best of my knowledge the Outer Limits would be the first CPFV to participate in this fishery. Given the current environment, fisheries diversification is key for any vessel. The charter fishing industry heavily relies on tourism. With a pending economic downturn and a modern vessel equipped with the latest equipment to fish pelagics for sport, we are interested in alternative revenue sources. Due to the size of the vessel and range, we would be able to stay at sea for multiple days at a time. With a home port of San Diego we plan to fish inside the Southern California Bight. However we plan on exploring options farther offshore that are not feasible for some smaller vessels. We would like to focus an effort on sub sea water temperature structure as well as bathymetrics.

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

We are interested in using our satellite sub sea information linked to our navigation software to find new fishing areas based on favorable water structure as well as bathymetrics. In addition, we are interested in proving that this would be a viable opportunity for a cpfv. Being a larger vessel we have the range to fish away from other vessels and plan to set gear at least 1 mile from any other vessel.

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: Paul Archer