

EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS

Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Operating Procedure (COP) 20 lays out an annual June-September schedule for reviewing exempted fishing permit (EFP) applications for highly migratory species (HMS) fisheries. Because of Covid-19, this schedule has been pushed back to September-November. The Council has been using a one-meeting process to make a recommendation on deep-set buoy gear (DSBG) EFP applications. Otherwise, the Council will follow the COP 20 annual process shifted to September-November.

Although no non-DSBG applications were received by the August 17 deadline, one application (Attachment 8) is to test DSBG fishing at night, which is a non-standard use of the gear and another application (Attachment 14) by an existing EFP holder to test night setting on an additional vessel.

Attachment 1 provides summary information on the applications submitted for review at this Council meeting. The new applications received by the August 17 deadline are listed below in the reference materials as Attachments 2 through Attachment 21.

COP 20 requires EFP recipients to submit a report of the work completed under the EFP, an analysis of data that was collected, and any conclusions or recommendations. This is also part of the terms of conditions developed by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Preliminary reports were made available to the Council as Informational Reports [11](#) (2019 Swordfish Longline EFP Fishery Captains David Haworth and John Gibbs) and [12](#) (Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permit Reports) in the June 2020 briefing materials. NMFS also provided an update on HMS EFP activity in 2019 in [Agenda Item C.1, Supplemental NMFS Report 1, June 2020](#).

Council Action:

Review Exempted Fishing Permit Proposals and Consider Final Recommendations.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 1: Summary of DSBG EFP applications received for the September 2020 Council meeting.
2. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 2: EFP Application From Tim Athens
3. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 3: EFP Application From Kevin Dell
4. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 4: EFP Application From Todd Dillman
5. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 5: EFP Application From James Eberhardt
6. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 6: EFP Application From Paul Fischer
7. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 7: EFP Application From Romolo Ghio
8. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 8: EFP Application From Nick Haworth and David Haworth
9. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 9: EFP Application From Marc Herman
10. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 10: EFP Application From Mark Lebeck
11. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 11: EFP Application From Arthur Lorton and J. Anthony Lorton
12. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 12: EFP Application From Robert Medland and James Castenada

13. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 13: EFP Application From Troy Pack
14. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 14: EFP Application From Nathan Perez and Thomas Carson
15. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 15: EFP Application From Nathan Perez and Thomas Carson
16. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 16: EFP Application From Andres Saraspe
17. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 17: EFP Application From Andrii Sidielnikov
18. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 18: EFP Application From Nicolas Tharp
19. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 19: EFP Application From Andrew Volaski
20. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 20: EFP Application From Miles Wallace
21. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 21: EFP Application From Steve Weiser

Agenda Order:

- E.2 Exempted Fishing Permits Kit Dahl
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Review Exempted Fishing Permit Proposals and Consider Final Recommendations

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