

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE ON EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is providing this report to update the Pacific Fishery Management Council on the 2020 trawl gear exempted fishing permit (EFP).

2020 Trawl Gear EFP

The 2020 Trawl Gear EFP began on January 1 of this year. NMFS held an open enrollment period from November 26 through December 6, 2019. A total of 46 vessels registered for the 2020 Trawl Gear EFP and 42 of 46 permits have been issued. The remaining four vessels do not meet EFP eligibility requirements at this time.

As of August 26, 18 vessels have participated in the Trawl Gear EFP during the 2020 fishing year. These vessels have caught 21 Chinook salmon, 2,492 eulachon, zero sturgeon, one Coho salmon, and approximately 9.5 million pounds of groundfish, totaling approximately \$3.1 million in revenue. Of the 21 Chinook salmon, 19 were caught north of 42° North latitude (N. lat.) and two were caught south of 42° N. lat. (See Table 1).

Table 1. Summary of trawl gear EFP catches for the 2020 fishing year (as of August 26, 2020).

<u>Region</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u># of Vessels</u>	<u>Trips¹</u>	<u>Chinook² (#)</u>	<u>Eulachon (#)</u>	<u>Sturgeon (#)</u>	<u>Groundfish Weight (lbs)</u>	<u>Groundfish Revenue (\$)</u>
<u>N of 42</u>	<u>Bottom Trawl Vessels</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2,492</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,795,408</u>	<u>\$1,109,667</u>
	<u>Midwater Trawl Vessels</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,414,839</u>	<u>\$1,889,804</u>
<u>S of 42</u>	<u>Bottom Trawl Vessels</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>220,556</u>	<u>\$94,402</u>
	<u>Midwater Trawl Vessels</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>61,539</u>	<u>\$14,992</u>

¹ Trip totals include individual fish tickets and not necessarily unique EFP trips since some vessels fish with both midwater and bottom trawl gear on the same EFP trip.

² NMFS temporarily waived the requirement for commercial fishing vessels (including EFP vessels) and first receivers in west coast fisheries to carry a fishery observer or have a catch monitor from April 16, 2020, to April 30, 2020. NMFS has not estimated salmon catch or at-sea discard from EFP trips that took place during this time period.