

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT ON EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is providing this report to update the Pacific Fishery Management Council on the 2021 trawl gear exempted fishing permit (EFP).

**2021 Trawl Gear EFP**

The 2021 Trawl Gear EFP began on January 1 of this year. NMFS held an open enrollment period from October 30 through November 13, 2020. A total of 44 vessels registered for the 2021 Trawl Gear EFP. NMFS issued 43 permits as one vessel does not meet EFP eligibility requirements at this time.

As of February 9, four vessels have participated in the Trawl Gear EFP during the 2021 fishing year. These vessels have caught 1 Chinook salmon, no eulachon, sturgeon, or Coho salmon, and approximately 1 million pounds of groundfish, totaling approximately \$311,000 in revenue. The 1 Chinook salmon was caught north of 42° North latitude (See Table 1).

**Table 1. Summary of trawl gear EFP catches for the 2021 fishing year (as of February 9, 2021).**

Region	Group	# of Vessels	Trips <sup>1</sup>	Chinook (#)	Eulachon (#)	Sturgeon (#)	Groundfish Weight (lbs)	Groundfish Revenue (\$)
N of 42	Bottom Trawl Vessels	2	4	1	0	0	151,410	\$112,810
	Midwater Trawl Vessels	3	10	0	0	0	852,440	\$198,223
S of 42	Bottom Trawl Vessels	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
	Midwater Trawl Vessels	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0

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<sup>1</sup> 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.