

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 45 vessels registered for the 2021 Trawl Gear EFP. NMFS issued 44 permits as one vessel does not meet EFP eligibility requirements at this time.

As of March 23, nine vessels have participated in the Trawl Gear EFP during the 2021 fishing year. These vessels have caught 16 Chinook salmon, no eulachon, sturgeon, or Coho salmon, and approximately 5.4 million pounds of groundfish, totaling approximately \$1.2 in revenue. All 16 Chinook salmon were caught north of 42° North latitude (See Table 1).

**Table 1. Summary of trawl gear EFP catches for the 2021 fishing year (as of March 23, 2021).**

Region	Group	# of Vessels	Trips <sup>1</sup>	Chinook (#)	Eulachon (#)	Sturgeon (#)	Groundfish Weight (lbs)	Groundfish Revenue (\$)
N of 42	Bottom Trawl Vessels <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
	Midwater Trawl Vessels	9	52	16	0	0	5,375,182	\$1,185,583
S of 42	Bottom Trawl Vessels	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
	Midwater Trawl Vessels	1	1	0	0	0	53,506	\$15,837

<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.

<sup>2</sup> Four bottom trawl trips N of 42 were incorrectly labeled as “EFP” trips in the Pacific States Marine Fish Commission database and were mis-reported in the March 2021 NMFS Supplemental Report. Those trips have been corrected for and excluded from this report.