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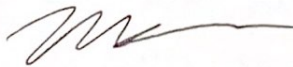
May 6, 2021

DEAR COUNCIL MEMBERS,

Enclosed is my DSBG application for your consideration. I have been fishing swordfish for almost forty years. It is one of my greatest passions. Growing up, I was very fortunate to fish harpoon and learn from the best eyeball fishermen and spotter pilots in the business. I have experience in the Southern California region, but also fished drift net north of Point Conception. My desire is to enter your program so that I can learn about the DSBG gear type and fishery and to fish full time for the program.

I have been in the organic, grass-fed beef business with Whole Foods for the past decade. They have approached me to help them start a local seafood program for California stores. The only fish that would meet their criteria of sustainability, limited bycatch and accountability would be harpoon or DSBG caught Swordfish. We have started the process and hope to have fish in the stores this summer. This program would benefit the fisherman because they would not be subjected to price drops due to imports, longline and driftnet season.

Sincerely,



Matthew Rimel

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: 5/6/21

2) Applicant(s)*:

a) Name: Matthew Rimel Phone No: (858) 652-2019

Email: rimel@sbcglobal.net

Address: 6823 Draper Ave LaJolla, CA 92037

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: Swordfish permit GOID#1005272210
L52123

Commercial Fishing Experience:

	Years of experience	Gear type / Type of participation (captain, crew, vessel owner, etc.)
DSBG	n/a	—
Other swordfish gear	25	drift net, harpoon captain, harpooner, vessel
Other gear type(s)		owner: Nina GC/Vince Cruvillo/ drift net, arrader/Johnny Foster/ harpoon, Sarah Renee/Andy Saraspe harpoon, skiff/harpoon.

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: Skiff Registration Number: CF0496SN

Name of Operator: Matthew Rimel

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: L52123 / GOID 1005 272210
Swordfish

b) Vessel Name: _____ Registration Number: _____

Name of Operator: _____

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: _____

*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:

2 years

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

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

Standard

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.):

N/A

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)	One Skiff	3 to 4 per week
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:

Plan to fish locally out of San Diego
3 to 4 sets a week

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:

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(s):