

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS) REPORT ON
HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ACTIVITIES

Federal Register Notice Announcing Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications

The Federal Register notice announcing June 2021 Council recommendations and soliciting public comment on seven new DSBG EFP applications published on August 11, 2021, and is open for comment through September 10, 2021:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/08/11/2021-17147/magnuson-stevens-fishery-conservation-and-management-act-general-provisions-for-domestic-fisheries>

Deep-Set Buoy Gear (DSBG) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

The Environmental Protection Agency published a notice of availability (NOA) for the Draft EIS for authorizing DSBG in the Federal Register on August 20, 2021 (86 FR 46847). The Draft EIS and information on submitting public comments are available on our website:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/bulletin/draft-eis-available-public-review-proposed-amendment6-fishery-management-plan-west>.

The public comment period on the NOA closes on October 4, 2021.