

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 2022 trawl gear exempted fishing permit (EFP).

2022 Trawl Gear EFP

The 2022 Trawl Gear EFP began on January 1 of this year. The EFP Directors held an open enrollment period in October 2021. A total of 49 vessels registered for the 2022 Trawl Gear EFP, and NMFS issued all 49 permits.

As of March 15, 12 vessels have participated in the Trawl Gear EFP during the 2022 fishing year. These vessels have caught 30 Chinook salmon, no eulachon, sturgeon, or Coho salmon, and approximately 4.5 million pounds of groundfish, totaling approximately \$1.3 in revenue. Of the 30 Chinook salmon caught, 27 were caught north of 42° North latitude and 3 were caught south of 42° North latitude (See Table 1).

Table 1. Summary of trawl gear EFP catches for the 2022 fishing year (as of March 15, 2022).

Region	Group	# of Vessels	Trips ¹	Chinook (#)	Eulachon (#)	Sturgeon (#)	Groundfish Weight (lbs)	Groundfish Revenue (\$)
N of 42	Midwater Trawl Vessels	10	49	27	0	0	4,299,244	\$1,205,958
S of 42	Bottom Trawl Vessels	2	4	3	0	0	212,082	\$143,857
	Midwater Trawl Vessels	1	1	0	0	0	29,208	\$8,728

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.