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Pacific Fishery Management Council Members, Chris Fanning
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Portland, OR 97220

Dear Pacific Fishery Management Council Members,

Enclosed is our Deep-set Buoy Gear application for your consideration. We believe that sustainable management efforts and innovative gear-types are the future of the industry.

Within this package is an application from three generations of commercial fishermen raised in San Diego; 1. *Lauro Saraspe*, a pioneer of the harpoon industry in San Diego dedicated to the craft of harpooning swordfish on the F/V World Famous dating back to the 1970s, prior to the influx of spotter planes, 2. *Tanner Saraspe*, granddaughter to Lauro, executive member of the San Diego Fishermen's Working Group, committee member of San Diego Food System Alliance, MPA Steering committee member, and founder of a fishermen-operated restaurant distribution 'Saraspe Seafoods' since 2017, 3. *Cameron Bingham* Captain's License since 2018, captaining fishing charters for several years, 4. *Bryon Bingham* a licensed 200 ton captain since 1994 as well as an AB unlimited Seaman, fishing since 1981, 5. Myself, *Greg Gershman* a commercial fishermen by heart and trade fortunate to see cleaner methods of catching swordfish commercially. In addition, Tanner and I are leading a project called the 'Local Fish Initiative' in collaboration with NOAA. This project aims to increase access to and value of locally caught seafood by means of an online resource hub for fishermen and chefs to market their local species. We acknowledge the recent NMFS Annual Report mentioned the desire from fishers to better market DSBG swordfish and create public awareness around this highly selective gear to increase ex-vessel value and ROI. We thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Gregory Gershman, Lauro Saraspe, Tanner Saraspe, Cameron Bingham, and Bryon Bingham

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:** April 29, 2022

2) **Applicant(s)*:**

a) Name: Gregory Gershman Phone No: (858) 449 - 5417

Email: gershmanhouse@gmail.com

Address: 249 S. Highway 101 Suite 307 Solana Beach, CA 92075-1807

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: CF License, HMS permit, Lobster Crewmember, Commercial trap, Ocean Enhancement, Ca Swordfish Permit

Commercial Fishing Experience:

	Years of experience	Gear type / Type of participation (captain, crew, vessel owner, etc.)
DSBG	0	Aware of gear/logistics/operations for DSBG
Other swordfish gear	2	Crew aboard Harpoon vessel and Hook & Line boat
Other gear type(s)	12	Commercial Vessel(s) Owner, fishing primarily open-access, rod & reel, and HMS species. Crew/deckhand on Commercial Vessel for fixed gear of spot prawn, lobster, rock crab.

b) Name: Lauro Saraspe Phone No: (858) 228 - 7493

Email: tonisaraspe@gmail.com

Address: 1645 Yost Dr. San Diego, CA 92109

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: Ca Commercial Fishing License, Lobster Operator, Southern Rock Crab, Drift Gillnet Permit, Swordfish State waters, Swordfish Federal Waters, Lobster Crewmember

Commercial Fishing Experience:

	Years of Experience	Gear type / Type of participation (captain, crew, vessel owner, etc.)
DSBG	0	
Other swordfish gear	25+	Captain & Owner of F/V World Famous for 25+ years (Harpoon Vessel in San Diego)
Other gear type(s)	70 years	Commercial Skiff owner, captain, operator since 1952. Captain & Owner of F/V World Famous for 25+ years (Harpoon Vessel in San Diego) , Crewmember Fished drift gillnet gear and owned and operated the drift gillnet vessel

3) Number of vessels*: 1

a) Vessel Name: Tanner Renee Registration Number: 1085227

Name of Operator: Gregory Gershman

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: Commercial Fishing Vessel Registration, HMS Permit (all current)

b) Vessel Name: _____ Registration Number: _____

Name of Operator: _____

Commercial Fishing Permits Held: _____

***List information for additional EFP applicants/vessels/participants on a separate page.**

See attached EFP applicant, vessel, participant info.

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:

We request a two-year period from the date of issuance, and acknowledge should the gear-type undergo change in regulation, we wish to be considered for the limited-entry permit.

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

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

We have no intentions to propose a modified gear configuration at this time.

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.):

We would like the option to fish the third optional hook at >90m to fish opah, and common thresher when available, otherwise, we do not plan to use the gear to catch other species. We will continuously monitor visually and remain within the immediate area (<3 nm) of any one piece of gear. Other gear that may be on vessel would include rod and reel fishing equipment. That gear will not interrupt our effectiveness of tending to DSBG.

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)	1 / Tanner Renee	up to 50 days
Central California (Point Reyes to Point Conception)	1/ Tanner Renee	up to 25 days
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:

F/V Tanner Renee is a sturdy and well-built downeast style vessel with a fuel efficient 420hp caterpillar main engine making it a suitable boat to get to the fishing grounds in a cost-effective manner. This vessel is equipped with electronics configuration (radar, depthsounder, plotter, autopilot-gps), a generator, a 65-gallon live bait well, a tower, a large in-deck fish box and sufficient deck space for fish bags and ice storage.

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

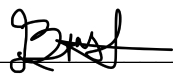
Explain what methods you would use, or information you plan to gather, to address the data gaps you checked off above:

See attached document with explanation.

10) Reporting Requirements and Observer Coverage:

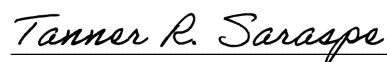
- You must maintain a logbook for reporting catch and other operational information (such as time and location of catch) in a format specified by National Marine Fisheries Service
 - Up to 100% observer coverage may be required on your EFP fishing trips
 - Data gathered as part of the EFP will be publicly 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.

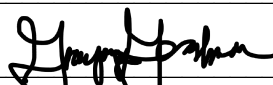
If you are unable to cover the entire cost of the observer coverage requirement, please explain what portion you may be able to cover and identify other sources of funding which may be available to help you cover observer costs.



Bryon Bingham


Cameron Bingham

11) Applicant(s) Signature(s):


Tanner Saraspe


Gregory Gershman


Lauro Saraspe

Attachments:

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Page 3. Data Gaps

Applicants (Continued).

Name: **Tanner Saraspe** Phone No: (858)401-0445

- a. Email: tanner@saraspeseafoods.com
- b. Address: 4207 Quapaw Ave. San Diego, CA 92117
- c. Commercial Fishing Permits Held: Commercial Fishing License, Ocean Enhancement, Commercial Fish Business License (Multifunction)
- d. Any history of current/pending state or federal violations any commercial fishery?
 Yes
 No
- e. Commercial Fishing Experience:
DSBG: 0
SWF Harpoon: 2 years, granddaughter & daughter to commercial fishermen
Hook & Line other species: 6 years, crew

Name: **Cameron Bingham** Phone No: (858)531-9031

- a. Email: camerons.bingham@gmail.com
- b. Address:
- c. Commercial Fishing Permits Held: N/A
- d. Any history of current/pending state or federal violations any commercial fishery?
 Yes
 No
- e. Commercial Fishing Experience:
DSBG: 0
SWF: 4 years hook & line on 6 pack charter vessel operation
Other: 20 years fishing international waters on the largest privately held fishing vessel in San Diego, Captain's license since 2018

Name: **Bryon Bingham** Phone No: (858)204-6287

- a. Email: bryonbingham1@gmail.com
- b. Address: 4812 Viane Way, San Diego, CA 92110
- c. Commercial Fishing Permits Held: Commercial Fishing License
- d. Any history of current/pending state or federal violations any commercial fishery?
 Yes
 No
- e. Commercial Fishing Experience:
DSBG: 0
SWF: 4 years crewmember on drift gillnet swordfish boat in San Diego
Other: 200 ton Captain's License since 1994, AB unlimited Seamen.

9. Data Gaps

Bycatch and Protected Species Interactions: We will report all potential bycatch and bycatch rates as the species involved along with date and location data recorded. Immediate gear servicing will occur upon “strike” to minimize impacts to any non-target species while also, reducing risk of mortality and loss of gear.

Active Gear Tending: Gear will be continuously monitored visually, and our vessel will remain in the immediate area (<3nm) of any one piece of gear. The F/V Tanner Renee is equipped with a tower for optimal visibility and Gyro Stabilized Binoculars will be used. We believe the F/V Tanner Renee is an effective vessel for this EFP,

Gear Conflicts/Number of Vessels: All gear will be labeled with vessel’s name, official number, and/or other designations required by NMFS. We will avoid other vessels and gear to limit interactions and conflict. Highflyer locator flags will deter other vessels. Gyro Stabilized Binoculars will be used to continuously monitor gear and incoming vessels. Gear conflicts/ vessel interactions will be documented as recent NMFS annual report mention the concern in sportfishing vessel interactions.

Gear Configurations: Gear specifications will mirror that of Attachment A. Adjustments and experiments in configurations such as leader length, bait, bait rigging, battery-operated illumination may be made to increase effectiveness (catch volume) and offer potential exploratory measures/benefits, while conducting our experiments in accordance with guidance provided by NMFS/PSFMC, required gear configuration and deployment understanding the importance of consistent research and data collection. All adjustments will be recorded.

Concurrent Gear Use: We will determine on a case-by-case basis whether simultaneously engaging in other fishing activities (i.e.; harpoon, troll, hook & line) could help make DSBG trips economically viable, while effectively tending to the gear.

Please note, the research questions noted in Attachment B: Council Data Gathering Priorities will be assessed, and we hope to provide sound data and offer recommendations to the questions proposed by The Council.