



## Deep-Set Buoy Gear Application

**Application Date** Sunday, May 8, 2022

**Applicant(s):**

**\*We have provided room for two applicant names below - Applicant a) and Applicant b). If you have additional applicants/vessels/participants, please fill them in the field at the bottom of this form.**

**Applicant a)** Randall Hupp  
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**Commercial Fishing Permits Held:** California Open Access and HMS Permit

**Commercial Fishing Experience:**

	Years of Experience	Gear type / Type of participation (Captain, Crew, Vessel owner, etc.)
DSBG	0	
Other swordfish gear	0	
Other gear type(s)	16	Lobster Trap/Captain and Vessel Owner, Groundfish Vertical Set Lines/Captain and Vessel Owner, Rod and Reel Hook and Line/Captain and Vessel Owner

**Applicant b)** Mark Hupp  
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**Commercial Fishing Permits Held:** California Commercial Fishing License

**Commercial Fishing Experience:**

	Years of Experience	Gear type / Type of participation (Captain, Crew, Vessel owner, etc.)
DSBG		
Other swordfish gear		
Other gear type(s)	5	Hook and Line/ Captain and Crew, Ground Fish Vertical Set Line/Captain and Crew gear and rod and reel

**Number of vessels\*:**

1

**Vessel a) Name:**

BigFoot

**Registration Number:**

CF0414SH

**Name of Operator:**

Randall Hupp

**Commercial Fishing Permits Held:**

California Commercial Fishing Vessel Permit L61341

\*List information for additional EFP applicants/vessels/participants in the field at the bottom of this form.

**Do any of the applicants/vessel operators have current/pending state or federal violations in any commercial fishery? (If Yes, follow-up on the nature and status of any violations may be required as part of the application review process).**

No

**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:**

The 2 year time length is acceptable.

**Intended DSBG Configuration (See [Attachment A](#) )**

Standard

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

None

**Do you intend to target any species other than swordfish? (This does not include other species that get caught incidentally when targeting swordfish)**

No

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

**Fishing Area and Effort:**

	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/Bigfoot	up to 30 days
Central California (Point Reyes to Point Conception)		
Northern California (42 degrees N. latitude to Point Reyes)		
Oregon (Columbia River to 42 degrees 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 Bigfoot plans avoid near coastal waters and other vessels and gear.

**Data Gaps: Will your EFP fishing specifically address any of the following data gaps? (See [Attachment B](#) for descriptions)**

Gear conflicts/number of vessels

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

We plan to tend our gear in line of sight to ensure we get to each strike quickly so we can aid in a quick release of protected and unmarketable species.

Our goal is to fish far from other vessels and gear. We will avoid over crowding an area and would like to have zero interactions with other vessels and gear.

Will record data regarding all gear conflicts, number and type of vessels observed while fishing DSBG.

**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.**

Yes

**Applicant a) Signature:**

Ronald Huff

**Applicant b) Signature:**

Mark Huff