

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS) REPORT ON
EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT (EFP) UPDATES

Fifteen linked and 35 standard Deep-Set Buoy Gear (DSBG) EFPs are currently issued through December 31, 2022 (see the table below), with approximately three to five standard DSBG and one additional linked DSBG EFP to be potentially issued when and if final qualifications are met. Several EFPs issued for 2022 have yet to be signed by the captains or owners and are not yet effective. One Night-Set Buoy Gear EFP for 2022 is pending issuance following a completed ESA consultation.

In previous years, we included summary data on effort and catch for both standard and linked DSBG EFPs as part of our June Council meeting reports; however, we do not have a detailed summary of 2021 DSBG EFP performance at this time. Past summaries came from an integrated dataset including observer, logbook, and landings data. This year, in anticipation of a rulemaking to authorize DSBG, NMFS has been formalizing the business rules for generating the integrated dataset and reporting it through PacFIN's APEX system. At this time, the 2021 data are not yet available for quality control and cross-validation with the previous versions of the integrated dataset. Vessel captains' or owners' reports on 2021 active DSBG EFPs can be found in the briefing book ([Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 15, June 2022](#)).

All of the currently valid DSBG EFPs have been issued through December 2022. NMFS can renew these EFPs for 2023. However, these EFPs would need to be revised if and when a final rule becomes effective authorizing standard and linked configurations of DSBG, because there will be a period of time between the final rule's effective date and issuance of limited entry (LE) permits. In such a scenario, NMFS proposes to revise any standard and linked DSBG EFPs to reflect an exemption from the Council-recommended requirement to possess an LE permit to fish in the Southern California Bight. NMFS would either revoke or expire these EFPs once the application period for LE permits is complete and the permits can be issued. This is consistent with the Council's recommendations for a phased-in approach to issuing LE permits with limits on the number issued in a given year.

Summary of Current DSBG EFPs for 2022

DSBG EFPs Issued for 2022							
Linked, Standard, Night?	Vessel Name	Doc #	Org	Names of Individuals listed as Authorized Captains on EFPs			
Link	Bear Flag2	558683		Nathan Perez	Thomas Carson	Noah Herrera	
Link	Chula	1217070		John Foster	Jim Heflin		
Link	DJ	550062		Steve Mintz	Max Rippo		
Link	Elizabeth H	644228		David Haworth	Nick Haworth	Kris Horings	
Link	Gold Coast	622026	PIER	Donald Krebs	Alan Felix		
Link	Leah Gail	944172	PIER	Lance Reinhart			
Link	Oriana Z	CF1742VE		Austen Brown			
Link	Outer Banks	969797		Tim Athens			
Link	Pacific Horizon	627203		David Haworth	Nick Haworth	John Vogel	Kris Horings
Link	Piky	570036		JJ Gemitsen	Gregory Minobe		
Link	Sea Haven	635102		Arthur Lorton	J. Anthon Lorton		
Link	Shearwater	1259460		Markus Medak	Daniel Fuller		
Link	St Aniello	559214		Romolo Gho			
Link	Three Boys	CF2036TJ	PIER	Kelly Fukushima	Sai Fukushima		
Link	Trailblazer	610884		Mark Lebeck			
Standard	Addiction	CF0551SV		Zachary Roach			
Standard	Audax	CF8370FH		Dan Fuller	Bill Fuller		
Standard	Aurelia	597524	PIER	William Sutton			
Standard	Calypso	CF6266TF		Jack Bateman	Mark Lebeck	Max Rippo	
Standard	Circle Hook	1286891		Scott Breneman			
Standard	DEA	CF0012HY		Jack Stephens	Ben Stephens	David Stephens	
Standard	Defiance	605844		Ron Ellis			
Standard	Diva	549263		Steve Weiser			
Standard	Dominique Rose	999497		Robert Ashe			
Standard	Emma Ray	CF1878ZM		Stephen Greyshock	Forest Howlett		
Standard	Entrapment	928057		Andrew Volaski			
Standard	Epic	601591		Nathan Lins			
Standard	Espeada	624462		Tim Ferguson			
Standard	First Light	1164782		Nicholas Tharp			
Standard	Fishtail	1030136		Mike Graves			
Standard	Isla	26348		Mike Wallace			
Standard	JB	550580		John Ford			
Standard	Jonesita	CF0552TF		John Kirkpatrick			
Standard	Lil Jack	595177		Matt White			
Standard	Madeline Lauren	1308449		Nick Guglielmo	Nick M Guglielmo		
Standard	Olinka	558005		Doug Dirkse			
Standard	Orca	1298400		Andrii Sidelnikov			
Standard	Pacific Sword	CF4430GJ		Bob Ball			
Standard	Patricia J	585405		Kent Jacobs	Toni Gomez		
Standard	Pikiea	1134177		Sean Burke			
Standard	Rainman	1272816		Raymond Kennedy			
Standard	Sandy Bea	1078115		Nick M Guglielmo	Nick Guglielmo		
Standard	Saronga	571063		Fritz Ahern	Mike Ahern	Max Rippo	Tobin Rippo
Standard	Seeview	CF3571SU		Kevin Dell			
Standard	Sharon G	623518		Marc Hermann	Blake Hermann		
Standard	Spaniard	559445		Fred Hepp	Sean Roberts		
Standard	Spirit	611940	PIER	Anthony Makul	Mike Flynn		
Standard	Sundowner	628101		Andrew Rasmussen			
Standard	Terlingin	1223771		David Hutto	Jordan Souza		
Standard	Tres Mujeres	1066033		Jack Stephens	Ben Stephens	David Stephens	