

## EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS – FINAL ACTION

An annual June-September schedule for reviewing exempted fishing permit (EFP) applications is laid out in [Council Operating Procedure COP 20](#). After initial review in June, final action on EFPs occurs at the September Council meeting. Only those EFP applications that were considered in June may be considered in September. However, the Council has been following a one-meeting, expedited process for review and approval of deep-set buoy gear (DSBG) EFP applications.

At its June 2022 meeting, the Council reviewed 14 EFP applications and approved eight for use of DSBG using standard gear and methods. These EFP applications are now under consideration by National Marine Fisheries Service ([87 FR 46945](#)). The Council deferred action on the remaining six applications for further consideration at this meeting. These applications, and requested changes, are:

- G. Harold: Remove requested fishing within state waters
- K. Honings: Limit total pieces of gear to 15 and the current 5 nm footprint
- K. Jacobs & T. Gomez: No changes requested
- S. Mintz: Remove the proposal to add time before and after sunrise and sunset
- N. Perez: Limit total pieces of gear to 15
- Pflieger Institute of Environmental Research (PIER): No changes requested

No changes were requested for the Jacobs & Gomez and PIER applications so the applications submitted for the June meeting are included here. For the other four, revised applications have been submitted and are included in the reference materials for this agenda item. These applications are Attachments 1 through 6.

### **Council Action:**

#### **Adopt Final Exempted Fishing Permit Applications.**

#### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item I.3, Attachment 1: Revised EFP Application from G. Harold.
2. Agenda Item I.3, Attachment 2: Revised EFP Application from K. Honings.
3. Agenda Item I.3, Attachment 3: EFP Application from K. Jacobs & T. Gomez.
4. Agenda Item I.3, Attachment 4: Revised EFP Application from S. Mintz.
5. Agenda Item I.3, Attachment 5: Revised EFP Application from N. Perez.
6. Agenda Item I.3, Attachment 6: EFP Application from PIER.
7. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

#### **Agenda Order:**

- I.3 Exempted Fishing Permits – Final Action
  - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Exempted Fishing Permit Applications

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