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Night Set Buoy Gear

Night set buoy gear has been a productive fishery with no bycatch so far. Although we've only caught bluefin tuna, a target species we still haven't caught any other HMS species. We haven't made enough sets to collect the data we need to show this fishery has a home in California. It has shown to be promising and I'm excited to continue working on it. I would like to request another 2 year extension on this EFP to continue working to collect sufficient data for this fishery. I would also like to ask if more participants can join this EFP to help collect data. I would only ask that if more people are added that they have sufficient dsbg sets so they are capable of handling NSBG. It's not hard to manage this gear if you are already an experienced dsbg fisherman. I think Donald Krebs F/V Gold Coast would be a perfect candidate for this fishery due to his experience in the dsbg fishery. I trust he will follow the rules and regulations of the EFP and will be able to retrieve all his gear every night. I would like to request if he can be added to my EFP to help continue collecting data. Thank you for your consideration.