

J.3 Exempted Fishing Permits – Preliminary

Council Action:

Preliminary Review of Exempted Fishing Permit Applications.

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I move the Council:

1. Recommend NMFS not approve EFPs for Mr. Hemstreet (Attachment 4) and Mr. Eghan (Attachment 5) for standard buoy gear in the Southern California Bight.
2. Recommend NMFS extend Mr. Nathan Perez's night-set buoy gear EFP for another two years (Attachment 3).
3. Request that Mr. Donald Krebs clarify his request (Attachment 2) to confirm it is for his own EFP and not a modification of another EFP for consideration at the September 2023 Council Meeting.
4. Recommend NMFS approve the 2022 PIER EFP application for Extended-Linked Buoy Gear with 100% observer coverage until NMFS determines enough data have been collected, with a minimum of 10 observed sets per vessel.
5. Recommend NMFS not approve EFPs for testing more pieces of DSBG or NSBG including those submitted to the Council in 2022 that were put on hold and the application from Perez, Krebs, and Mintz at this meeting (attachment 1) until the authorized fishery has been operational for two seasons.

Moved by John Ugoretz
Motion passed unanimously.

Second by Bob Dooley

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