

F/V Goldcoast
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Clarification of Night Set Buoy Gear (NSBG) Exempted Fishing Permit Application (EFP)

To the Pacific Fishery Management Council:

I understand that the Council is seeking clarification as to whether the application I submitted to the Council for the June 2023 meeting was for an EFP to be issued to me in my own name or I was asking to be added to Nathan Perez's current NSBG EFP.

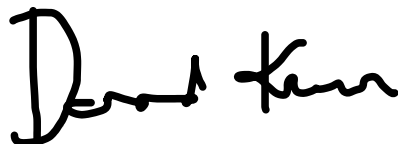
To clarify, I am requesting a new EFP in my own name for the purposes described in my June 2023 application. However, as explained in my May 15 cover letter, I will be working with Nathan so that more data can be collected on the viability and impacts of NSBG.

In addition, this EFP will also expand the Perez EFP by incorporating the use of satellite-based electronic monitoring buoys. The EFP will use Blue Ocean Gear buoy technology to facilitate gear monitoring at night. My vessel has already tested this technology under the PIER EFP during daytime sets in 2022. This EFP will incorporate an electronic buoy on all night-based deployments.

Although we do not anticipate losing any gear sets with or without an electronic buoy, this EFP will provide feedback to the Council on the practicality and economic feasibility of using the e-buoys during night fishing operations.

Thank you,

Donald Krebs

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald Krebs". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.