

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON
EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS

The Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) reviewed the two exempted fishing permit (EFP) applications received by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) for the June 2024 meeting. The first ([G.3, Attachment 1](#)) is from Mr. Steve Mintz and the second ([G.3, Attachment 2](#)) is from Mr. Wesley Langowski, and each requested an EFP to fish both standard and linked configurations of night-set buoy gear (NSBG). Mr. Langowski confirmed that he is requesting to use the approved 10 piece gear configuration. While the applications mention specific gear configuration components and fishing techniques, the HMSMT suggests that the Council recommend to National Marine Fisheries Service that approval and issuance of these EFPs be consistent with the Terms and Conditions for all other NSBG EFPs issued to date. Since proposed activities in these applications are consistent with NSBG EFPs the Council has previously recommended, the HMSMT also suggests the Council approve them at this meeting instead of waiting until September.

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