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Night Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permit Extension Request

Night set buoy gear (NSBG) has been a productive and selective fishing method, but not enough gear performance data has been collected so far. Although we've only caught bluefin tuna with NSBG, we still haven't caught any other marketable HMS species. We haven't made very many sets the past few years and I plan to increase NSBG sets in 2025 and beyond. I will be able to have more effort in this fishery with a newly purchased vessel (FV Finner, #597524 former FV Aurelia) I'll be operating. I would like to request another 2-year extension for 2026 - 2027 for this NSBG EFP to continue fishing NSBG to collect additional gear performance data for this fishing method. Without the constraints I've faced in the past few years I hope to fish NSBG more than in recent years past. Thank you for your consideration.