

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON EXEMPTED
FISHING PERMITS - FINAL ACTION

The Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) discussed the night-set buoy gear (NSBG) exempted fishing permit (EFP) extension request from Mr. Nathan Perez ([Attachment 3](#)), as well as the two EFP applications for NSBG from Shearwater Fishing LLC ([Attachment 1](#)) and Mr. Landon Yacobucci ([Attachment 2](#)). Similar to the June 2024 meeting, when the Council considered NSBG EFP applications in a one meeting process, the HMSMT now proposes the Council:

1. Recommend that NMFS issue the NSBG EFP applications from Shearwater Fishing LLC and Mr. Yacobucci and extend the NSBG EFP for Mr. Perez.
2. Recommend that NMFS apply terms and conditions to the new NSBG EFPs comparable to those used for other NSBG EFPs.

To date, the Council has recommended five NSBG EFP applications to NMFS for approval. There has been limited effort under these EFPs to date. Mr. Perez is the only current EFP holder who has requested an extension when his permit expires at the end of 2025. Mr. Perez's renewal request explains his limited effort to date. Since the Council's intent is to collect data, the HMSMT supports renewal of this EFP as well as approval of the two new applications. The HMSMT supports renewal of EFPs that are actively being fished and collecting data. Inactive EFPs should not be renewed unless there are extenuating circumstances.

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