

## EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS

Council Operating Procedure (COP) 20 lays out an annual, June-September schedule for reviewing exempted fishing permit (EFP) applications for highly migratory species (HMS) fisheries. From June 2016 to March 2018 the Council deviated from the annual schedule by accepting deep-set buoy gear (DSBG) EFP applications at any Council meeting when HMS items are on the agenda and using a one-meeting process to make a recommendation on these types of applications. Although the Council has reverted to the annual two-meeting process for reviewing non-DSBG EFP applications, in March 2019 it decided to use a one-meeting review for DSBG applications submitted for this Council meeting. Otherwise, the Council will follow the COP 20 annual process.

No non-DSBG applications were received by the May 23 deadline. However, the application from Nathan Perez and Thomas Carson (Attachment 17) proposes to test fishing with DSBG at night. To date the standard deployment of the gear has been during daylight hours. The Council should consider whether this difference in technique justifies greater scrutiny using the two-meeting process described in COP 20.

Attachment 1 provides summary information on the applications submitted for review at the June 2019 Council meeting. New applications received by the May 23 deadline are listed below in the reference materials as Attachments 2 through 19.

COP 20 requires EFP recipients to submit a report of the work completed under the EFP, an analysis of data that was collected, and any conclusions or recommendations. This is also part of the terms of conditions developed by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Preliminary reports submitted to date are compiled in Attachment 20.

Twenty-one standard DSBG and ten linked DSBG EFPs will expire December 31, 2019 (see Attachment 21). The Council should make a recommendation on whether to extend these EFPs beyond the end of this year, and if so, for what duration. This could be a specified duration or to continue the EFPs until a fishery is authorized in regulations.

The attached NMFS Report 1 contains additional information on the status of previously issued HMS EFPs. The Pflieger Institute of Environmental Research submitted an update on its 2018-2019 research activities (PIER Report 1).

### **Council Action:**

**Recommendations on Non-Deep-Set Buoy Gear EFP Applications, Final Recommendations on New Deep-Set Buoy Gear EFP Applications, and Recommendations on Extending 2019 EFPs.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 1: Summary of DSBG EFP applications received for the June 2019 Council meeting.
2. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 2 DSBG EFP Application from Nathan Lins.
3. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 3 DSBG EFP Application from J.J Gerritsen.
4. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 4 DSBG EFP Application from Jordan McCaffrey.

5. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 5 DSBG EFP Application from Nathan Smith.
6. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 6 DSBG EFP Application from Zachary Roach.
7. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 7 DSBG EFP Application from Douglas and Lucas Dirkse.
8. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 8 DSBG EFP Application from Nicholas Guglielmo.
9. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 9 DSBG EFP Application from John Gibbs and Anthony Grey
10. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 10 DSBG EFP Application from Michael Flynn.
11. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 11 DSBG EFP Application from Dave Stephens.
12. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 12 DSBG EFP Application from Antonio Estrada.
13. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 13 DSBG EFP Application from Anthony Green.
14. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 14 DSBG EFP Application from Sean Burke..
15. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 15 DSBG EFP Application from John Bateman
16. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 16 DSBG EFP Application from Brock Marvin.
17. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 17 DSBG EFP Application from Nathan Perez and Thomas Carson.
18. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 18 DSBG EFP Application from John Kirkpatrick.
19. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 19 DSBG EFP Application from John Doljanin.
20. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 20: 2018 Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permit Activity Reports.
21. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 21: 84 FR 20108, Notice Announcing Issuance of Exempted Fishing Permits.
22. Agenda Item J.5.a, NMFS Report 1.
23. Agenda Item J.5.a, PIER Report 1.
24. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

J.5 Exempted Fishing Permits

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Recommendations on Non-Deep-Set Buoy Gear EFP Applications, Final Recommendations on New Deep-Set Buoy Gear EFP Applications, and Recommendations on Extending 2019 EFP

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