

Implementing California's Fisheries Innovation Act of 2018: Experimental Fishing Permit Program in California

Location(s): Eureka, Sacramento, Monterey, Los Alamitos

January 14, 2020

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

Workshop Purpose

The purpose of this workshop is to initiate a dialogue between the CA Fish and Game Commission (Commission), CA Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and stakeholders regarding how best to design a state Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP) program to meet the objectives of the Act and the needs of stakeholders.

Pursuant to Fish and Game Code (FGC) Section 1022, the Commission shall establish by regulation an expeditious process for CDFW review, public notice and comment, Commission approval, and prompt CDFW issuance of EFPs, that is consistent with FGC Section 7059.

Workshop Objectives

- Collectively learn about potential EFP program models that could be adapted for use in California;
- Educate stakeholders regarding the Commission's and CDFW's early ideas and issue areas surrounding program design, and expected timeframe for regulatory development;
- Gain input on anticipated proposal areas, and issues and topics related to the new EFP program that are important to stakeholders.

Morning Session

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. Background information and overview of the regulatory process for the EFP program
- III. The federal EFP program—How it works, what works well, what could be improved for California program
- IV. California opportunities—How might the federal program be adapted to California? What are special considerations, needs and constraints to consider? Limitations of authority?
- V. Presentation of draft program framework/key issues in program design

Lunch Break (approximately 11:40 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

Afternoon Session

- I. Presentation of draft program framework/key issues in program design [continued]

- II. User needs surrounding program design—stakeholder needs, priorities, and feedback
- III. CDFW wrap-up, discussion highlights, next steps

Suggested Workshop Background Reading

Fisheries Leadership and Sustainability Forum, Collaboration to Advance Research and Management, Considerations and Lessons Learned from Co-management and Cooperative Research (2014); Section V, **Innovation through Exempted Fishing Permits**, available at <https://sites.nicholasinstitute.duke.edu/fisheries-forum/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2019/02/WCF-2014-Final-Report.pdf>

Federal Exempted Fishing Permit regulations, 50 CFR 600.745, available at <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/50/600.745>

Example of Pacific Fishery Management Council Operating Procedures, available at <https://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/cop20.pdf>

Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office Exempted Fishing Permit FAQs, available at https://www.gmri.org/sites/default/files/resource/efp_faq_9.30.14_final.pdf

Pacific Fishery Management Council Fact Sheet: Exempted Fishing Permits, available at <http://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/11-Exempted-fishing-permits.pdf>