**Decision Tree for Determining the Applicable Permit Tier for an Experimental Fishing Permit Project**

What is the primary purpose of the Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP) project?*

- For purposes other than exploratory fishing
  - Will CDFW provide technical or scientific assistance to the EFP holder to carry out the project?
    - NO → Tier 1
    - YES → Tier 2

- For the purpose of exploratory fishing
  - Will CDFW provide technical or scientific assistance to the EFP holder to carry out the project?
    - NO → Tier 3
    - YES → Tier 4

* Pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 1022, the EFP may be approved for one or any combination of the following purposes: research, educational, limited testing, data collection, compensation fishing, conservation engineering, or exploratory fishing.