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CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1022 of the Fish and Game Code (FGC) and Section 91, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), on March 7, 2023 the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) notified the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) of an accepted amendment request for a previously-issued experimental fishing permit (EFP). Pursuant to subsection 91(k)(2), Title 14, CCR, an EFP holder may request amendments to its EFP at any time during the term of the permit. Nathan Perez (applicant) is requesting an amendment for his EFP (tracking #2022-01), which was approved by the Commission on August 18, 2022 to test the use of deep-set and night-set buoy gear configurations to harvest swordfish, Pacific bluefin tuna, opah, common thresher shark, and other highly migratory species in specific areas within California state waters.

The applicant requests to amend EFP #2022-01 to: 1) Add one additional authorized vessel and one additional authorized agent; and 2) expand the fishing footprint diameter off the Channel Islands from 3.0 nm to 3.5 nm. The request constitutes a major amendment, which is defined in subsection 91(k)(2) as an amendment that exceeds the allowances placed on the permit, concerning the amount and type of species that may be taken, the geographic location where fishing may occur, the amount or type of gear that can be used, and/or the number of vessels or persons that may conduct the authorized activities. Major amendments are subject to the same department review, public notice, and commission action, and department issuance procedures as a new EFP application.

Pursuant to subsection 91(d)(2), Title 14, CCR, the Department will provide a recommendation to the Commission concerning the requested major amendment, including any proposed special conditions. As soon as the Department's recommendation is available, but not less than 30 days before the hearing on this application, a notice will be published on the Commission's website at <https://fgc.ca.gov/EFP> and sent to interested individuals providing information on the opportunity for public comment and published on the Commission's website.

Written comments and information on matters addressed in this notice and relevant to the Department's technical review of the accepted application may be submitted to Marina Som, Acting EFP Coordinator, at EFP@wildlife.ca.gov.

Please visit www.fgc.ca.gov for additional information.

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