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Notice of Receipt of Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP) Major Amendment Request for Deep-Set and Night-Set Buoy Gear Fishing (Commission Tracking #2022-01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1022 of the Fish and Game Code and Section 91, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), on May 7, 2025 the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) transmitted an accepted amendment request for a previously issued experimental fishing permit (EFP) to the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission). Pursuant to subsection 91(k)(2), Title 14, CCR, an EFP holder may request amendments to its EFP at any time during the permit term. The EFP holder is requesting a major amendment to their existing EFP (Commission tracking ID #2022-01), which was initially approved by the Commission on August 17, 2022, to conduct testing of deep-set buoy gear and night-set buoy gear configurations to harvest highly migratory pelagic species in state waters around the Channel Islands and southern California (off Ventura, Los Angeles, and Orange counties).

The permittee has requested to amend the EFP terms and conditions to increase the maximum number of authorized agents and vessels from three to five.

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

Written comments and information on matters addressed in this notice and relevant to the Department's technical review of the accepted amendment may be submitted to Owen Mulvey-McFerron, EFP Coordinator, at EFP@wildlife.ca.gov.

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

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