

Memorandum

Date: July 7, 2025

To: Melissa Miller-Henson
Executive Director
California Fish and Game Commission

From: Charlton H. Bonham
Director

Subject: **Transmittal of an Experimental Fishing Permit Major Amendment
Recommendation for Deep-Set and Night-Set Buoy Gear Fishing (Nathan Perez/
FGC Tracking #2022-01)**

On April 23, 2025, Nathan Perez submitted a Major Amendment Request for Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP) #2022-01 (Attachment 1), to increase the number of authorized agents and vessels from three to five. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) accepted the request for technical review on May 8, 2025, and recommends the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) approve the requested changes as further detailed in the Recommended EFP Terms and Conditions (DFW1103, Attachment 2) and supplemental environmental documentation (Attachments 3 and 4).

Next Steps

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations (Cal. Code Regs.), title (tit.) 14, section (§) 91, subdivision (subd.) (f), the Department requests the Commission schedule the requested application for consideration no sooner than 30 days after public notice is given. CDFW has prepared a draft Notice of Receipt of Recommendation (Attachment 5) to support the public notice requirement prescribed in Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 91, subd. (e)(2).

If you have any questions on this item, please contact Dr. Craig Shuman, Marine Regional Manager, at (805) 568-1246 or by email at R7RegionalMgr@wildlife.ca.gov.

Attachments:

1. Major Amendment Request for EFP #2022-01 (confidential information omitted)
2. Recommended EFP Terms and Conditions (DFW 1103)
3. CEQA Overview Memo
4. Draft CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE) and NOE Attachment
5. Draft Notice of Receipt of Recommendation

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