

Council motion B-reports, EFP

April 4, 2025

The Council supports the research project proposed by the North Pacific Fisheries Research Foundation in the Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) application submitted to NMFS on March 11, 2025, to develop a chum salmon-focused salmon excluder and recommends the following if an EFP is issued:

- Any salmon caught during EFP fishing (3 vessels, July – August 2025) will be counted consistent with current observer and monitoring requirements and accounted for in the NMFS catch accounting system.
- NMFS will report the total number of salmon caught (including those caught during the EFP) in the BSAI pollock fishery during the December 2025 NMFS management report.
- The EFP permit from NMFS should specify that EFP fishing will stop if any Chinook salmon caught in the EFP combined with Chinook salmon caught during AFA fishing would exceed the Chinook salmon bycatch limit applicable to the BSAI pollock fishery.