

Thread Herring EFP Proposal – Quick Overview

- In April, Lund's Fisheries submitted an application to GARFO for an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP)
 - Goal to demonstrate the potential for an EEZ purse seine fishery for thread herring
- Thread herring covered under Council's Unmanaged Forage Amendment – require an exemption to 1,700 possession limit
- Council discussed the application at their June meeting
 - Asked for SSC input on scientific and biological considerations and implications of proposal
 - Ecosystem and Ocean Planning Committee will then review SSC input and develop additional comments and recommendations
 - Council will review all feedback and discuss at October Council meeting
- If desired, Lund's can revise and resubmit application based on input
- GARFO will then publish application in Federal Register for public comment and make decision on approving EFP