

Questions to consider for Potential Exemptions

1. Rationale
 - What is the basis/justification for an exemption?
2. Areas
 - What are the areas where potential exemptions should be considered?
 - What is the rationale for choosing these areas?
 - When would the exemption occur (seasonal, year round)?
3. What are reasonable tradeoff options for the areas considered?
4. What are the expected/forecasted conservation benefits of the potential exemptions?
5. Gear marking
 - How will gear deployed in the proposed exemption be marked?
6. Implementation
 - What is the expected timetable for implementation?
7. What strategic monitoring is needed?
8. What is the contingency/fall back plan should an entanglement occur in the identified exemption area?
 - Is there a trigger requirement for the fallback measure?
 - Is there an evaluation procedure for determining serious injury/mortality of the entanglement?
9. What strategic research is needed?