

**Standing and Special Shrimp SSC Meeting Summary
Tampa, Florida
March 8, 2016**

The meeting of the Standing and Special Shrimp SSC was convened at 1:00 pm on March 8, 2016. The agenda was approved and the minutes of the March 10, 2015 Standing and Special Shrimp SSC meeting were approved as written.

Selection of SSC Representative at the April, 2016 Council Meeting

The SSC was notified that a representative was not necessary for the April, 2016, Council meeting because there were no items for the SSC to formally comment on at this meeting.

Penaeid Shrimp Stock Assessments

Rick Hart presented the updated stock assessments for brown, pink and white shrimp. Currently, all three species are not overfished nor are they undergoing overfishing. There were some questions about the decline in spawning stock biomass in the past years, but this was likely due to below average environmental parameters. There was more discussion on the F values for each species and how those values differ. It was clarified that the fishery is monitored for effort in the juvenile red snapper bycatch zone, but clarified that the effort in the zone is not directly proportional to effort throughout the whole fishery. The SSC had no concerns about the stock assessments, and by consensus, accepted the assessments as written.

Update on Aggregate MSY and OY Working Group

The SSC was notified about the results of the working group for establishing an aggregate MSY and an aggregate OY for the shrimp fishery. The working group met on March 2, 2016, so the final report was not available for the SSC to review. The SSC requested to see the final report before commenting on the working group's results.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

SSC Members Present

Standing SSC

Joe Powers, V. Chair
Harry Blanchet
Benjamin Blount
Bob Gill
Jack Isaacs
Jeff Isely
Kai Lorenzen
Paul Mickle
William Patterson
Sean Powers
Steven Scyphers

Robert Shipp
James Tolan

Special Shrimp SSC

Richard Burris
Ryan Gandy
Leslie Hartman
Jeffrey Marx
James Nance

Council

Representative

David Donaldson

Council Staff

Steven Atran
Morgan Kilgour
Phyllis Miranda
Bernadine Roy

Others

Mike Travis,
NMFS/SERO

Susan Gerhart,
NMFS/SERO
Chad Hanson, Pew
Environment Group
Rick Hart,
NMFS/SEFSC
Julie Neer, SEDAR
Jenny Thompson,
Oceana

