

Standing, Special Shrimp and Socioeconomic SSC Meeting Summary Tampa, Florida June 1, 2016

The meeting of the Standing, Special Shrimp and Socioeconomic SSC was convened at 1:30 pm on June 1, 2016. The agenda was approved and the minutes of the March 8, 2016 Standing and Special Shrimp SSC meeting were approved as written.

Shrimp Amendment 17B (OY, MSY, number of permits, permit pool, transit provisions)

The SSC was informed of the outcomes of the Aggregate MSY/OY Working group that met on March 2, 2016. The working group recommended an aggregate MSY based on a previous working group's methodology taking the aggregate offshore landings and effort and using Graham Shaffer curve to estimate aggregate MSY. It was clarified that offshore includes anything from the COLREGS¹ lines out, and that all shrimp species are included in aggregate MSY. The SSC did not have any concerns with the approach the working group used to calculate the aggregate MSY nor the recommended aggregate OY.

The SSC then reviewed Actions 1, 2, and 3 in Shrimp Amendment 17B. The SSC had no issues with only two alternatives for Action 1, as it agreed that any other calculation of the aggregate MSY would be arbitrary. However, in Action 2, the SSC thought that other alternatives are necessary. Though Alternative 2 would be the preferred choice from the SSC, the SSC suggested using confidence intervals about the working group's proposed aggregate OY to give a range of alternatives.

The SSC reviewed Action 3 in Shrimp Amendment 17B. The SSC requested more rationale for the thresholds in the discussion of the different alternatives for Action 3. It was clarified that this discussion is in the appendix of the working group report and can be incorporated into the document. There was discussion about the number of active permitted vessels versus the number of vessels with valid permits and it was clarified that the estimates of active permitted vessels is based on whether they had any landings from offshore waters, not whether they were active in federal waters. Because landings from non-federal offshore waters were considered with respect to whether a permitted vessel was active, the estimate of active permitted vessels based on landings from offshore waters will overestimate the number of permitted vessels with landings from federal waters and so there is already a buffer built into the estimate of active permitted vessels. The SSC did not make any motions regarding the alternatives in Action 3.

¹ The COLREGS lines are the set of demarcation lines that have been established by the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (commonly called COLREGS). Gulf offshore waters include some state waters, as well as federal waters.

SSC Members Present

Standing SSC

Lui Barbieri, Chair
Joe Powers, V. Chair
Lee Anderson
Benjamin Blount
Mary Christman
Bob Gill
David Griffith
Jack Isaacs

Jeff Isely
Walter Keithly
Kai Lorenzen
Paul Mickle
Ken Roberts
Steven Scyphers
Robert Shipp
James Tolan

Reef Fish SSC

Marcus (James) Drymon
Robert Ellis
John Mareska

Socioeconomic SSC

Matthew Freeman
Sherry Larkin*
Gabriela Stocks

Shrimp SSC

Richard Burris
Ryan Gandy*
Jeffrey Marx
James Nance

Spiny Lobster SSC

Ryan Gandy*
Sherry Larkin*

* On more than one SSC

Council Staff

Steven Atran
Assane Diagne
John Froeschke
Doug Gregory
Morgan Kilgour
Ava Lasseter
Ryan Rindone
Charlotte Schiaffo
Carrie Simmons

Others

Roy Crabtree, NMFS/SERO
Susan Gerhart, NMFS/SERO
Stephen Holiman, NMFS/SERO
Mike Larkin, NMFS/SERO
Christina Package-Ward, NMFS/SERO
Jessica Stephen, NMFS/SERO
Mike Travis, NMFS/SERO
Clay Porch, NMFS/SEFSC
Matt Smith, NMFS/SEFSC

Shanae Allen, FWRI
Michelle Masi, FWRI
Miles Archabal, Ocean Conserv.
J.P. Brooker, Ocean Conserv.
Todd Phillips, Ocean Conserv.
Glenn Mitchell, Gnarus Advisors
Shelley Krueger, FL Sea Grant
Sal Versaggi

Council Representative

Leann Bosarge