Shrimp AP: Plan of Work

Agenda Item IV: Biological Review of the Texas Closure

Timeline Status: Information/Action

Council Input and Next Steps: The AP will be presented with the analysis of the Texas Closure. The Shrimp AP is requested with providing the Council with a recommendation on the Texas closure. It may wait until the review of the stock assessments and the Shrimp AP meeting summary are complete before deciding to continue the Texas Closure for 2017.

Agenda Item V: Review of the Updated Stock Assessments for Brown, White, and Pink Shrimp

Timeline Status: Information

Council Input and Next Steps: The AP will be presented with the stock assessments for brown, white, and pink shrimp for 2016. None of the stocks are overfished nor undergoing overfishing. Updated information on shrimp catch, effort, CPUE, and bycatch thresholds will be presented if available. This information does not require any formal AP action.

Agenda Item VI: Review of the Public Hearing Draft of Coral Amendment 9

Timeline Status: Information

Council Input and Next Steps: The AP will be presented with the public hearing draft (PHD) of Coral Amendment 9 including the Council's current preferred alternatives. The Coral SSC and Law Enforcement Technical Committee (LETC) have also made several recommendations which the Council has not yet deliberated on. The AP is requested with providing comments on the Council's preferred alternatives, the Coral SSC, and the LETC recommendations.

Agenda Item VII: Other Business

Timeline Status: Information

Council Input and Next Steps: Additional items that the AP will discuss include impacts from hurricanes on the shrimp industry and the federal shrimp renewal process.