Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Dr. Bonnie Ponwith, Director
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REVISED REQUEST

Dear Dr. Ponwith:

At the April 2017 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) meeting, the Shrimp Committee reviewed a report from the Council's Shrimp Advisory Panel. The Council requests that the Southeast Fisheries Science Center conduct two different economic analyses: 1) an economic analysis of the Texas closure, and 2) an economic analysis on extending the closure to the adjacent federal waters. Specifically, the Council requests that NMFS estimate the economic yield for the fishery from the Texas closure. The Council also requests an updated analysis to examine a closure in statistical areas 10 through 21, including the Texas closure, with and without the adjacent state closure.

The Council does not anticipate needing the requested analyses until early 2018, when it will review the Texas Closure for 2018.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Council office.

Sincerely,

Leann Bosarge
Council Chair

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