Review of the Texas Closure for 2017

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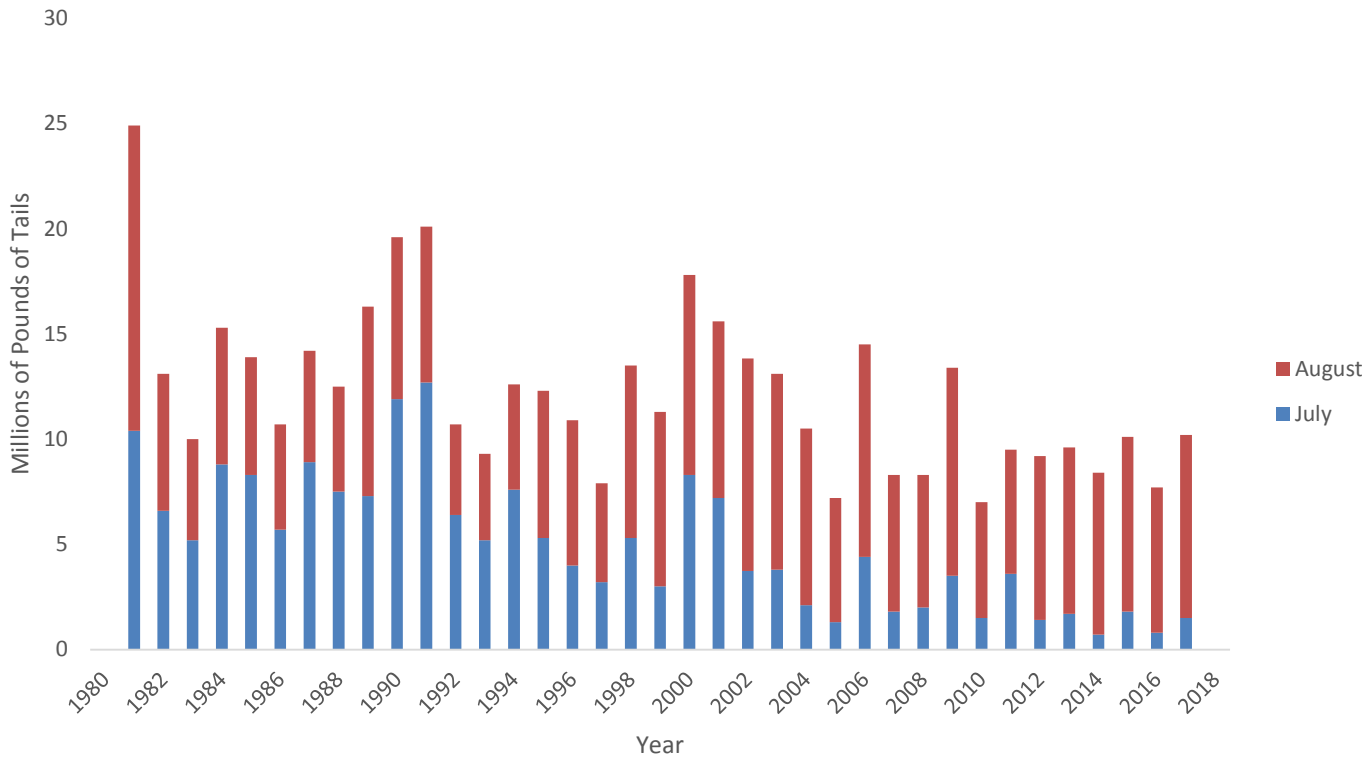
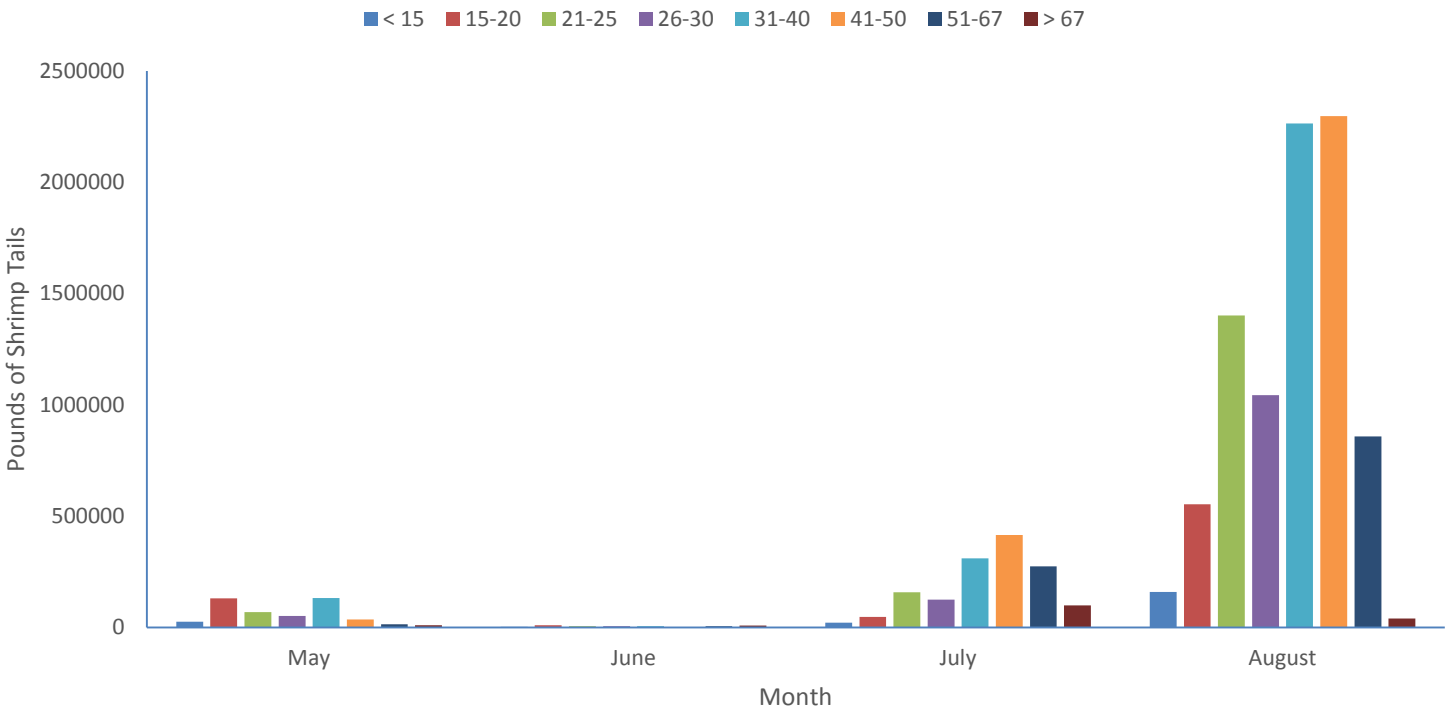
Closure

The GMFMC Shrimp FMP implemented in 1981 for the EEZ fishery

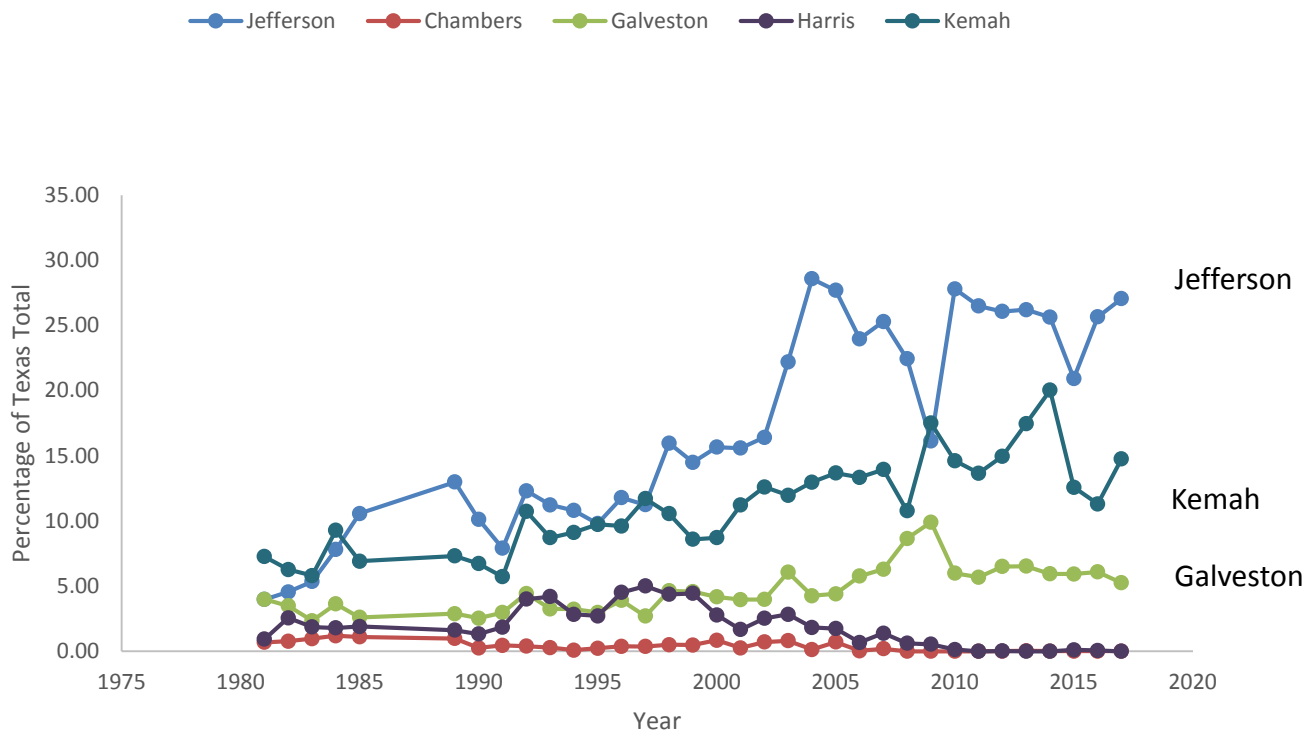
- Goal was to increase the yield of brown shrimp harvested from offshore Texas waters
- Historically the closure is from Mid-May to Mid-July
- Since 1990 the near shore < 4 fathoms area has also been closed



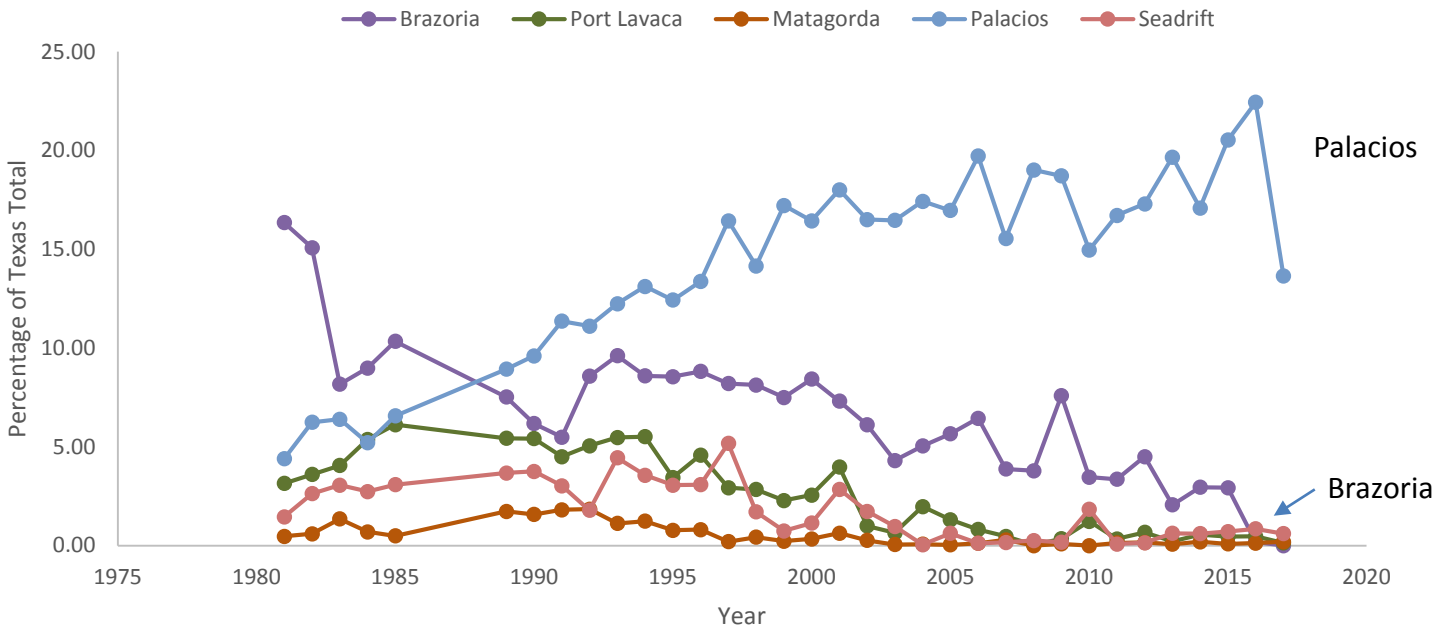
Texas brown shrimp offshore catch for July and August, 1981-2017.



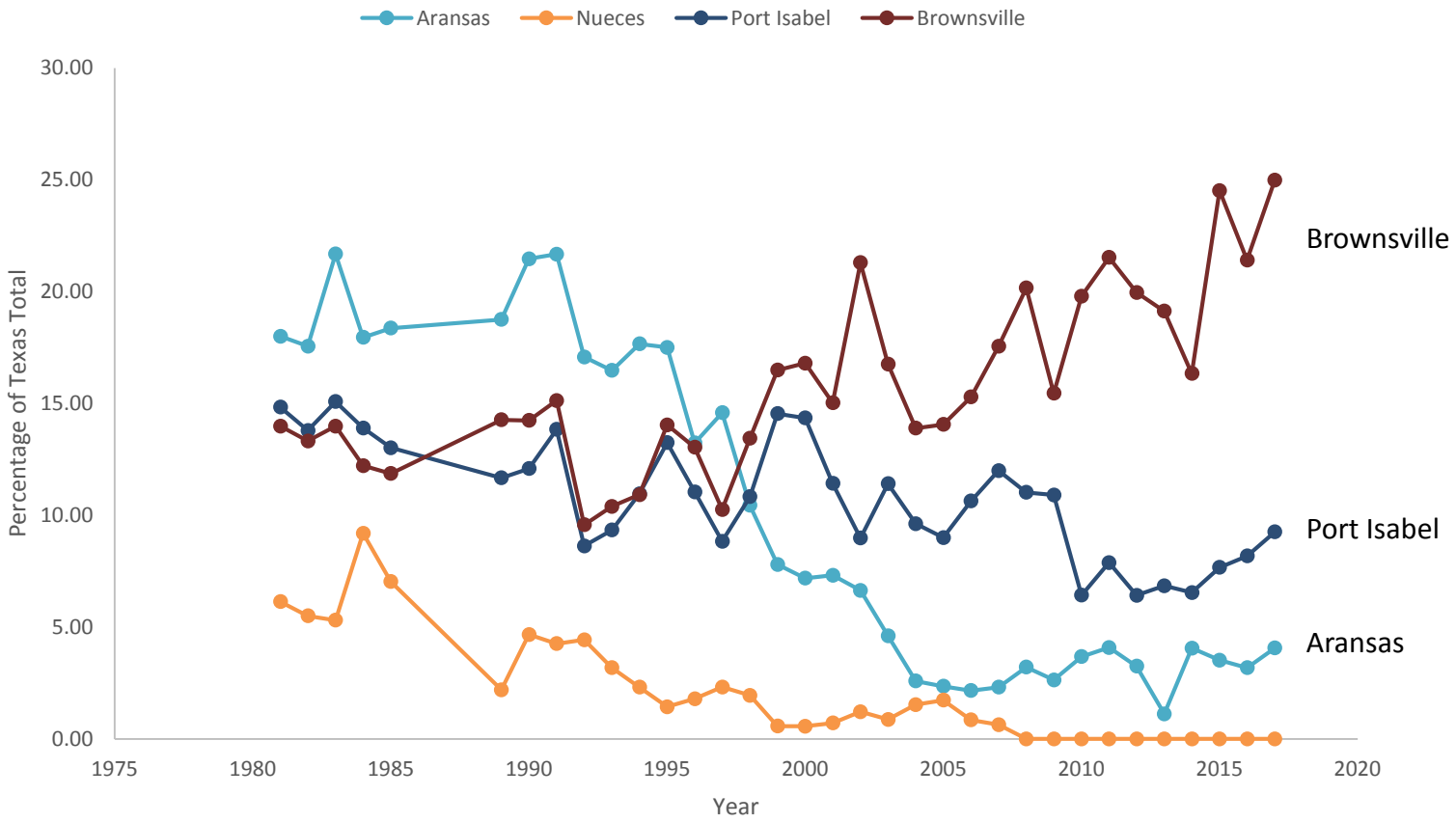
Monthly brown shrimp offshore shrimp catch for May – August, 2017.



Landings by upper Texas ports 2017.



Landings by middle Texas ports 2017.



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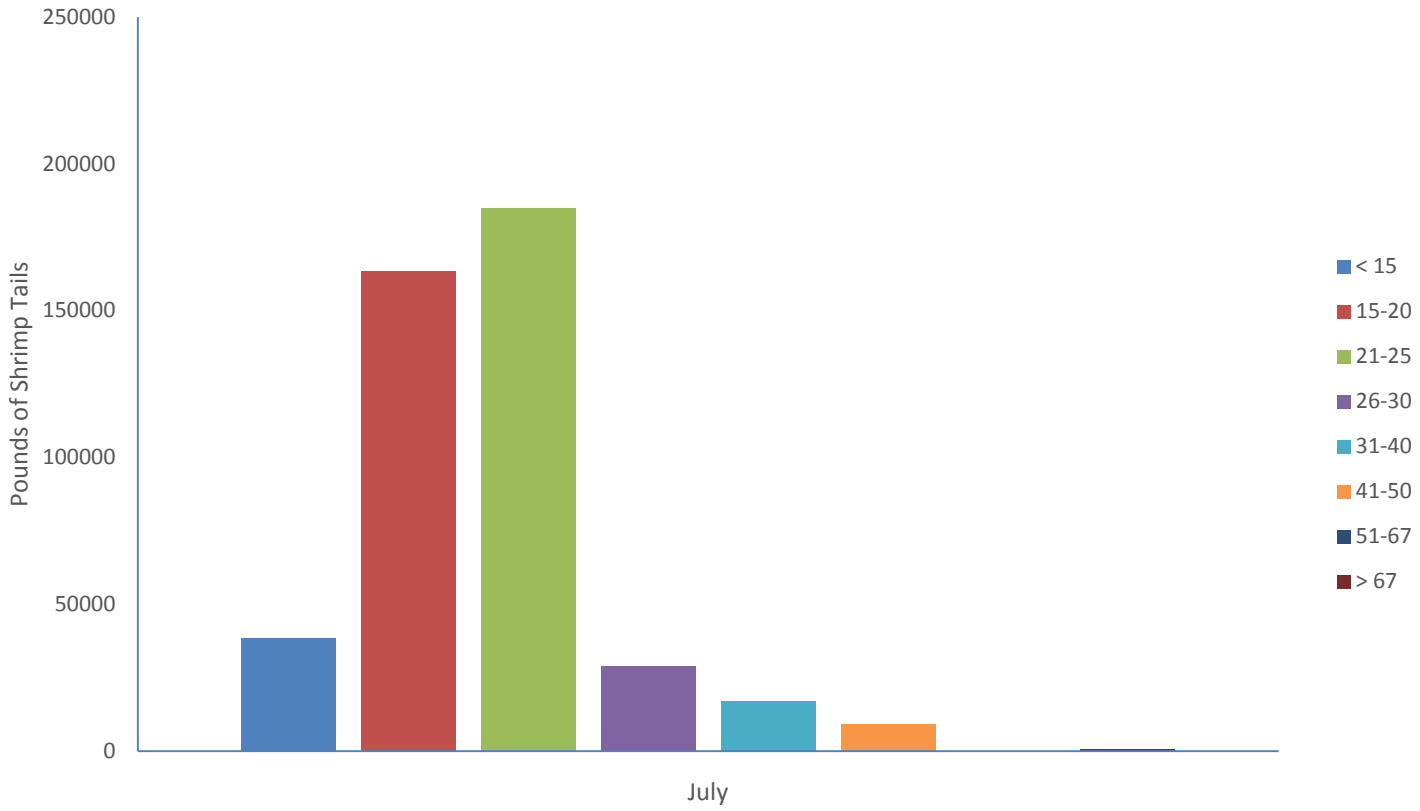
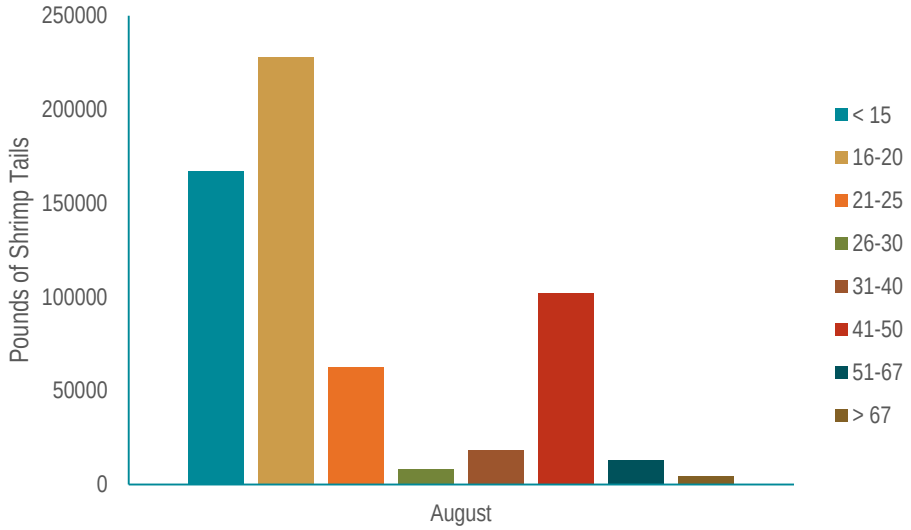


July offshore white shrimp catch for 2017.



August offshore white shrimp catch for 2017.

Summary

- Brown shrimp August catch off Texas coast above long-term average
- Brown shrimp size off Texas – 1.4% in the >67 count size category

Summary

- Some changes in shrimp landings distribution in Texas ports
- Increase in pounds yield with 2017 closure between 0 and 6.3%
- White shrimp catch off Texas below average during both July and August