

**Shrimp Committee Report
January 28, 2019
Ms. Leann Bosarge, Chair**

The Committee adopted the agenda and approved the minutes.

Draft Shrimp Amendment 18: Evaluation of Shrimp Effort Threshold Reduction in the Area Monitored for Juvenile Red Snapper Bycatch

Staff presented the document to the Committee. It has been determined that this document is a categorical exclusion, so the format is slightly different than what the Committee typically sees. The first action would modify the effort threshold on the shrimp fishery in the area monitored for juvenile red snapper bycatch (statistical zones 10-21, depths 10-30 fathoms). The Committee discussed Option b (60%) and Option c (56%).

The Committee recommends and I so move: In Action 1, to make Option b the Preferred.

Action 1 – Adjust the Target Reduction Goal for Juvenile Red Snapper Mortality in the Federal Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Fishery in Statistical Zones 10-21 in the 10-30 fathom Depth Zone

Option b: Modify the target reduction goal for juvenile red snapper shrimp trawl bycatch mortality on red snapper from 67% less than the benchmark years of 2001-2003 to 60%.

Staff reviewed Action 2 which modifies the shrimp FMP framework procedure. Two changes are highlighted, allowing a change in the ABC via abbreviated framework and allowing changes in the effort threshold via framework procedure. Staff noted that the inclusion of the abbreviated framework ABC was pulled from the Generic ACL Carryover document and put into this document since it is a shrimp document.

The Committee recommends and I so move: In Action 2, to make the Option the Preferred.

Action 2 – Revise the Shrimp FMP Management Measures Framework Procedure

Option: Revise the Shrimp FMP Management Measures Framework Procedure to allow changes to the target effort reduction goal for juvenile red snapper mortality through the standard open framework documentation process. Modify the abbreviated documentation process to allow specification of an ABC recommended by the Council's Science and Statistical Committee (SSC) based on results of a new stock assessment and using the ABC control rule.

Staff will conduct a webinar to collect public comments on this document following the Shrimp AP meeting on March 21, 2019.

Mr. Chair, this concludes my report.