

Scope of Work
Shrimp Advisory Panel
Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

May 18, 2023

Agenda Item III: Discussion of NMFS' Draft Budget Proposal for Congressional Funds for Shrimp Vessel Position Data Reporting

As requested in a Council motion from the April 2023 meeting, SEFSC staff will present a draft budget proposal for Congressional funding for shrimp vessel position data reporting in the Gulf of Mexico, with the goal of this serving as a consultation between NMFS and shrimp industry stakeholders (Congressional Appropriations language in italics below). The AP should consider the draft budget, ask questions, and provide feedback.

Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Fishing Effort.---Within funds for Fisheries Data Collections, Surveys, and Assessments, the agreement provides \$850,000 for NMFS, in consultation with the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council and shrimp industry stakeholders, to continue the development and implementation of the newly approved Electronic Logbook program (ELB) that archives vessel position and automatically transmits scientific shrimp fishing effort data via cellular service to NMFS.

A summary report of the Shrimp AP's recommendations will be provided to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council during its June 5-8th meeting in Mobile, Alabama, with the goal of completing the consultation process outlined above in the Congressional Appropriations language.

Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak, as agenda time allows. Directions for providing testimony can be found here: <https://gulfcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/Public-Comment-GoToWebinar-Instructions.pdf>