

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

**March 19-20, 2024**

**Agenda Item IV: Council Actions in Response to Motions from the October 2023 Shrimp AP Meeting**

Council staff will provide an overview of Council actions in response to the Shrimp AP's motions at the October 2023 meeting. This information does not require any formal AP action.

**Agenda Item V: Species-Specific Shrimp Effort Estimates**

SEFSC staff will discuss its determination on the potential development of species-specific shrimp effort estimates. The AP should consider the information presented and ask questions.

**Agenda Item VI: Status of SD Card Returns**

The AP will be presented with information on the return rates of SD cards in the Gulf, since 3G transmission of shrimp vessel position location data ceased. This information does not require any formal AP action.

**Agenda Item VII: Update on Wind Energy Areas in the Gulf of Mexico**

The AP will be presented with information regarding BOEM's offshore wind development process and status in the Gulf of Mexico. The AP should consider the presented information and ask questions.

**Agenda Item VIII: Discussion of Wind Energy Meeting in California**

The AP Chair will discuss a wind energy meeting held in January 2024 in California. The AP should ask questions and participate in the discussion; this information does not require any formal AP action.

**Agenda Item IX: SERO Protected Resources Update, Sea Turtle Take and TED Compliance**

The AP will be presented with an update on observed sea turtles in trawls and TED compliance information as requested by the AP and on other protected resources news and actions of potential interest (e.g. summary of this year's sea turtle cold stuns). The AP should consider the information presented and ask questions.

**Agenda Item X: Update on Smalltooth Sawfish Population Viability Analysis**

The AP will be presented with an update on a smalltooth sawfish population viability analysis. The AP should consider the information presented and ask questions.

#### **Agenda Item XI: Update on NOAA Fisheries' National Seafood Strategy**

The AP will be presented with an update on NOAA Fisheries' National Seafood Strategy and planned engagement of the Gulf shrimp fishery. The AP should consider the information presented and ask questions.

#### **Agenda Item XII: Update on Shrimp Futures Project**

The AP will be presented with an update on NMFS' plan for workshops with the Gulf shrimp industry. These workshops are intended to assist NMFS in addressing current challenges faced the Gulf shrimp industry as well as in developing plans for various future scenarios. The AP should consider the information presented, ask questions, and provide feedback to NMFS on the planned workshops.

#### **Agenda Item XIII: Reducing Juvenile Sea Turtle Bycatch through Development of Reduced Bar Spacing TEDs**

The AP will be presented with results from a multi-year DWH restoration project that developed three reduced bar spacing turtle excluder devices (TEDs) designed to reduce juvenile sea turtle bycatch. The AP should consider the information presented and ask questions.

#### **Agenda Item XIV: Public Comment**

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

#### **~~Agenda Item XV: 2022 Gulf Shrimp Fishery Landings~~**

~~SEFSC staff will review the Gulf shrimp fishery landings for 2022. The AP should consider the information presented and ask questions.~~

#### **Agenda Item XVI: Biological Review of the 2023 Texas Closure**

The AP will be presented with the analysis of the Texas Closure. The Shrimp AP is asked to provide the Council with a recommendation on the Texas Closure for 2024.

#### **~~Agenda Item XVII: Review of 2022 Royal Red Landings~~**

~~The AP will be presented with the 2022 Royal Red landings, relative to the ACL. This information does not require any formal AP action.~~

### **Agenda Item XVIII: 2022 Gulf Shrimp Fishery Effort**

The AP will be presented with the Gulf shrimp fishery effort calculations for 2022. The AP should consider the information presented and ask questions.

### **Agenda Item XIX: Update on Early Adopter Program**

Dr. Putman (LGL Ecological Associates) will present information on the progress of the Early Adopter Program for a cellular vessel monitoring system with the Gulf federal shrimp fleet. The AP should ask questions and provide feedback.

### **Agenda Item XX: Review of Draft Shrimp Framework Action**

The AP will be presented with the draft framework action to transition the Gulf shrimp fishery from the expired 3G cELB to a new device collecting vessel position data for the purpose of maintaining effort estimation. Council staff will review draft alternatives and previous related motions made by the AP. The AP should consider the presented information, ask questions, and make recommendations to the Council as appropriate.

### **Agenda Item XXI: Update on Research Track (SEDAR 87)**

The AP will receive an update on the Research Track (SEDAR 87) for brown, white, and pink shrimp in the Gulf. The AP should consider the information presented and ask questions.

### **Agenda Item XXII: Public Comment**

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

### **Agenda Item XXIII: Other Business**

Council staff will provide a reminder of the Shrimp AP application process and timeline for new appointments. Other items may be added during the Adoption of the Agenda.