

# Council Actions in Response to Motions from the March 2022 Shrimp AP Meeting, and Additional Council Meeting Motions in 2022



# AP Motion #1

**Motion:** The Shrimp AP requests the Council to postpone selecting a Preferred Alternative in the Framework Action until after the Council and the Shrimp AP have received and considered definitive results from both the VMS testing program based on 30-day trips in the pink, white and brown shrimp fisheries, and from the LGL P-Sea WindPlot cellular transmission development project.

**Status:** *The Council has expressed interest in waiting for final results from the LGL and the NMFS research projects before continuing work on the framework action.*



# AP Motion #2

**Motion:** If the Shrimp AP is unable to review the Framework Action again prior to the Council selecting a Preferred Alternative, then the Shrimp AP recommends, based on current available information, to the Council that it selects as its Preferred Alternative, Framework Action 1, Alternative 3, the purposes of which the AP continues to understand are to provide a clear alternative to the VMS system-based program set forth in Alternative 2 which would transmit data directly to OLE and, instead, to maintain a scientific shrimp fishing effort data collection program by replacing the current cELB system with a new ELB system that automatically transmits data generated through P-Sea WindPlot navigational software via cellular service through a non-OLE server to the Southeast Fisheries Science Center for analysis.

***Status: The Council has expressed interest in waiting for final results from the LGL and the NMFS research projects before continuing work on the framework action.***



# AP Motion #3

**Motion:** To convey to the SEFSC the support of the formal inclusion of appropriate SSC members, Council staff, and shrimp industry representatives in the development of the shrimp EDMs outside of formal SSC review and prior to the SEDAR research track.

***Council Motion:*** *To convey to the SEFSC the support of the formal inclusion of the appropriate SSC members, Council staff, and shrimp industry representatives in the development of the shrimp Empirical Dynamic Models (EDM)s outside of formal SSC review and prior to the SEDAR research track.*

***Status:*** *A letter was sent to the SEFSC (see Background Information), and 3 webinar meetings have been held to-date with the participation of the individuals requested in the letter.*



# AP Motion #4

**Motion:** To request NMFS to continue with the Texas Federal Closure in the coming year in conjunction with the state of Texas Closure in 2022.

***Council Motion:*** *To request NMFS to continue with the Texas federal closure in the coming year in conjunction with the State of Texas closure in 2022.*

***Status:*** *A letter was sent to SERO to convey this request (see Background Information).*



# Additional Motion from April 2022 Council Meeting

**Motion:** To request staff work with the Outreach and Education Technical Committee to identify the best process for conveying the importance of recovery of Secure Digital (SD) cards to Gulf of Mexico federal shrimp permit holders that have been selected by the Science and Research Director to report vessel position data. Once a notification process for shrimp permit holders is identified, letters to NMFS Fisheries Statistics Division should be sent emphasizing the importance of recovery of SD cards on Gulf of Mexico shrimp vessels and the efforts that have been identified to improve this outreach effort.

**Status:** *The Outreach and Education Technical Committee was convened in August 2022 to discuss this matter and provide recommendations. The Council reviewed and approved specific recommendations at its August 2022 meeting. A letter was sent to the SEFSC in September 2022 (see Background Information).*



# No Motions from June or Oct 2022 Council Meetings

At the June 2022 and October 2022 Council meetings, updates were given on LGL and on NMFS projects related to replacement of historical cELB devices in Gulf shrimp fishery.

Updates on these two projects are anticipated to be given to the Shrimp AP its March 2023 meeting.

In Full Council at the August 2022 meeting, the Council reviewed a request for an exempted fishing permit and made the following motion: ***To recommend approval of the Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) provided by Texas and Louisiana Sea Grants to test bycatch reduction devices (BRD).***

***Status: A letter was sent to SERO conveying this approval (see Background Information).***

