



# Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Mr. Andy Strelcheck  
Regional Administrator  
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Southeast Regional Office  
263 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Dear Mr. Strelcheck:

At its April 3-6, 2023 meeting, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) voted to maintain the cooperative closure of the shrimp fishery off Texas (Texas Closure) for 2023. The Council's action extends the closure to all waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off Texas for the same period of time that the State of Texas closes the Texas Territorial Sea. The shrimp fishery is closed annually off Texas to allow shrimp to reach a larger and more valuable size prior to harvest.

With this letter, the Council respectfully requests that you implement the 2023 Texas Closure in accordance with the aforementioned action of the Council for the 2023 shrimp season off Texas. Thank you for your consideration of this request, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Council office.

Sincerely,

Dr. Greg Stunz  
Council Chair

cc: Gulf Council  
Council Staff  
John McGovern  
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