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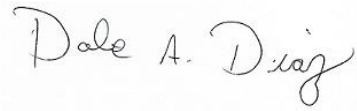
Dr. Clay Porch
Director of Southeast Fisheries Science Center
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Dear Dr. Porch:

At its April 4-7, 2022 meeting, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) voted to express its support for the formal inclusion of the appropriate Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) members, Council staff, and shrimp industry representatives in development of the shrimp Empirical Dynamic Models (EDMs). These individuals would meet with appropriate Science Center personnel to work on the development of shrimp EDMs prior to the SEDAR research track for penaeid shrimp and prior to formal review of the models by the SSC. The Council's SSC and Shrimp Advisory Panel (AP) received presentations from NMFS at their respective meetings in March 2022. During these meetings, NMFS conveyed its plan to provide the results of the EDM modeling exercise for white and brown penaeid shrimp to the SSC in the fall of 2022.

Instead, the Council thinks that the continued engagement of the aforementioned groups during the development of the shrimp EDMs is preferable, as there were numerous logistical and ground truthing questions regarding operations of the shrimp industry and data utilization that could assist in a more robust result that can be employed by management, versus waiting to the end to be engaged. Specifically, the various AP and SSC members can provide technical insight, historical institutional knowledge, management expertise, and on-the-water perspectives that will improve the quality and the buy-in of the resulting analytical tools. Therefore, the Council requests the inclusion of the following nine individuals: SSC members – Dr. Benny Gallaway, Dr. David Chagaris, and Dr. Jim Nance; Shrimp AP members – Mr. Steve Bosarge, Mr. Glenn Delaney, and Mr. Corky Perrett; Council member – Ms. Leann Bosarge; Council staff – Dr. Matthew Freeman and Dr. John Froeschke. Should any of the individuals no longer serve in the stated Council-associated capacity (SSC, Shrimp AP, Council member, or Council staff), the Council may provide substitutes at a later date. Thank you for your consideration of this request, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Matthew Freeman.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale A. Diaz". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Mr. Dale Diaz
Council Chair

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