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## Shrimp Fishery Off Texas to Open July 15, 2014

Shrimp trawling will open in federal waters from 9 to 200 nautical miles off Texas 30 minutes after official sunset, local time, **July 15, 2014**, the same time Texas opens its waters to shrimp trawling.

The annual closure protects brown shrimp during emigration from the bays to the Gulf of Mexico, allowing them to reach a larger and more valuable size before harvest, and prevents waste of brown shrimp that might otherwise be discarded because of their small size.

### About Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional Fishery Management Councils established by the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. The Council prepares fishery management plans, which are designed to manage fishery resources within the 200-mile limit of the Gulf of Mexico.



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