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# Review of the 2023 Texas Closure

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# History of the Texas Closure

The GMFMC's Shrimp FMP was implemented in 1981 for the EEZ fishery.

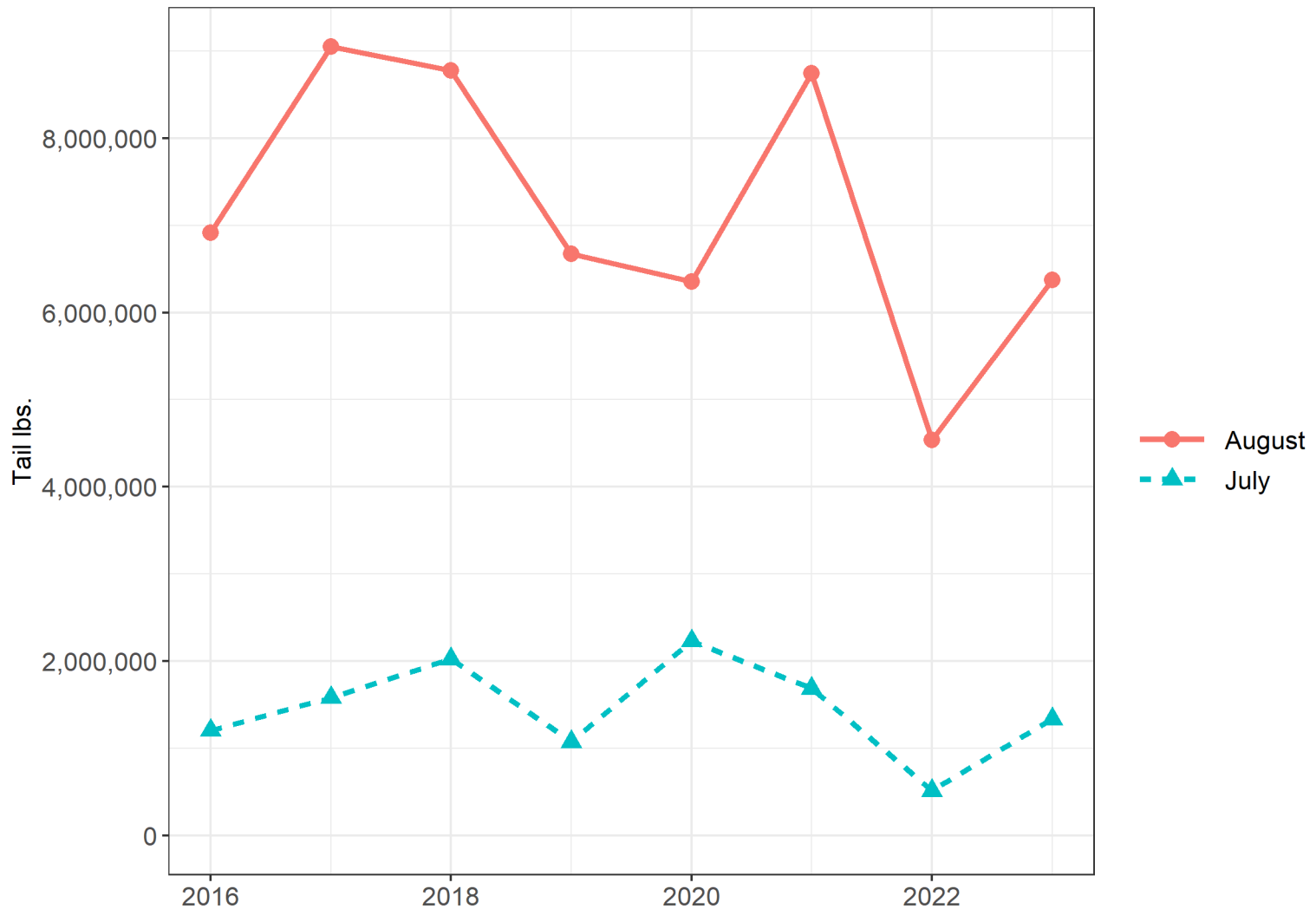
- Goal was to increase the yield of brown shrimp harvested from offshore Texas waters.
- Historically the closure is from Mid-May to Mid-July.
- Since 1990 the near-shore (< 4 fathoms area) has also been closed in conjunction.

# Note on landings data

NOAA's shrimp landings data is being reviewed as part of the SEDAR 87 data process

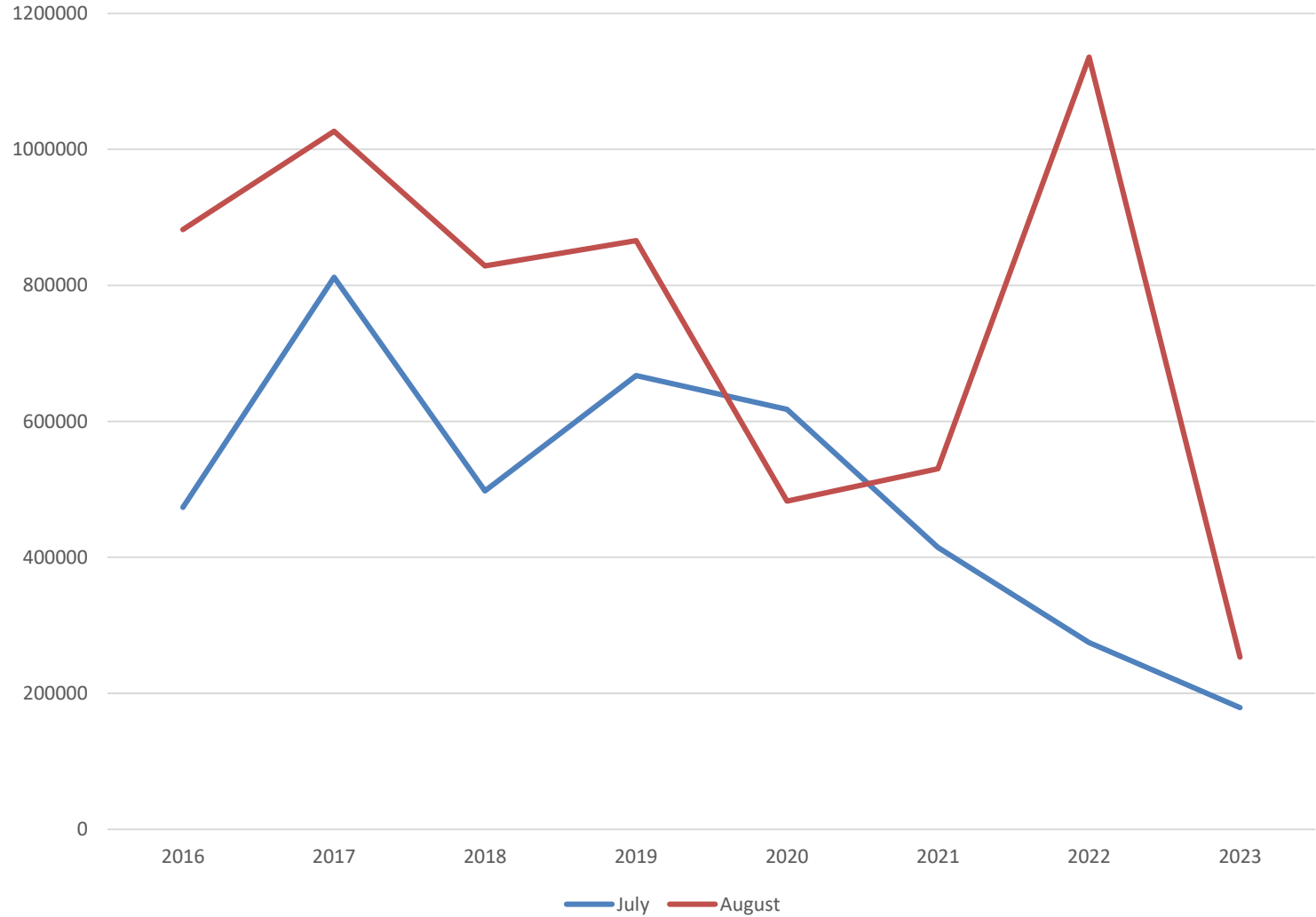
- Historical data: determine when to use Gulf Shrimp System data and when to use state trip ticket data.
- Recent years: rely on state trip ticket data based on advice from each state.
- Long time series data are not presented here until historical issues are resolved.

### TX Offshore Brown Shrimp



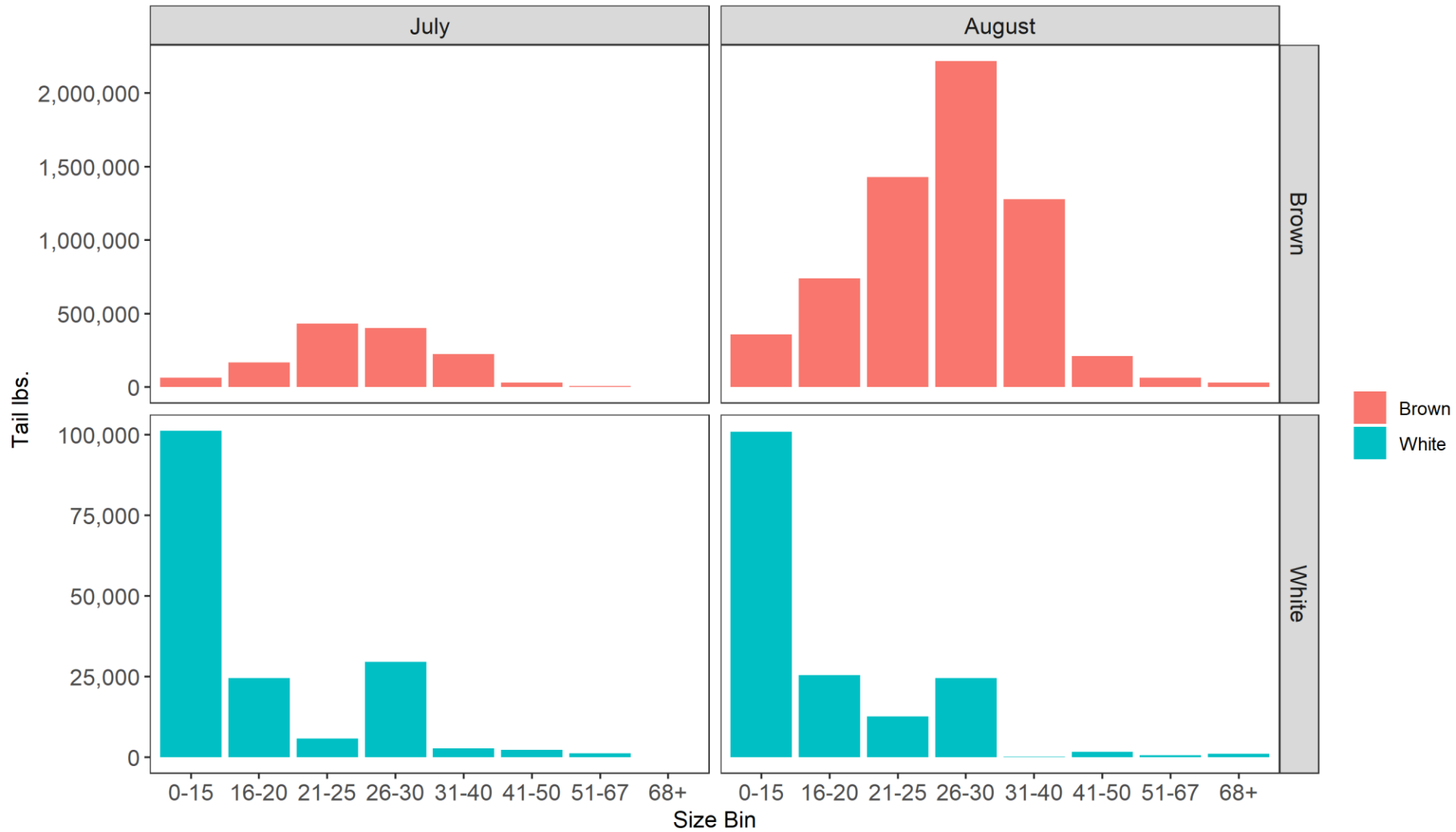
## Offshore TX Brown Shrimp catch for July and August, 2016-2023

### TX Offshore White Shrimp



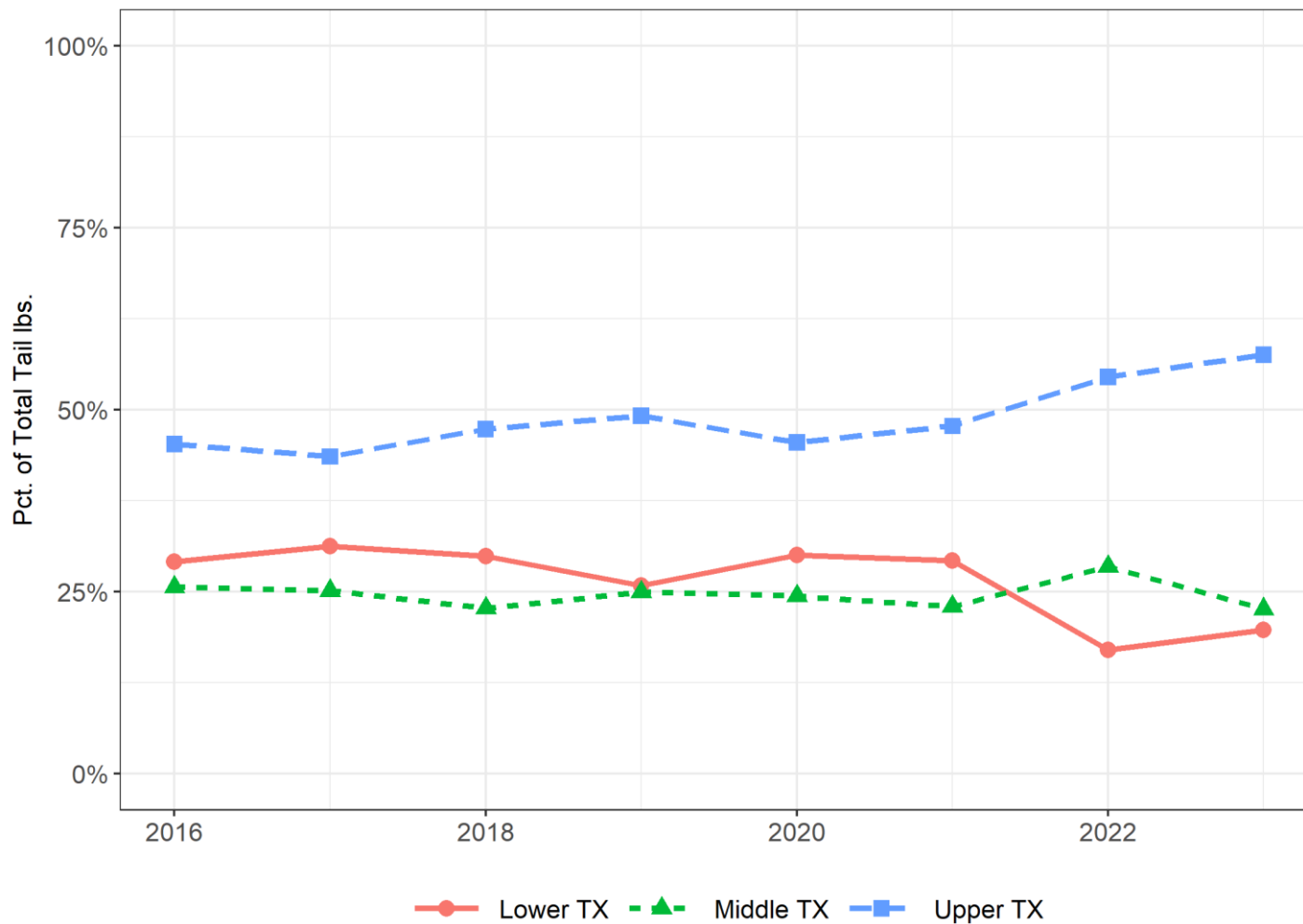
Offshore TX White Shrimp catch for July and August, 2016-2023

# TX Offshore 2023



Monthly offshore TX Brown and White Shrimp catch for July – August, 2023

Total TX Landings, May-Aug



Proportion of Texas shrimp landings by region (upper, middle and lower), May-August

# Questions? Discussion?

- As we are examining our landings data streams and staff responsibilities...
  - For the future, what information do you want to see to determine the continuing benefits of the Texas closure?



Thank you