SEFSC Special Working Group on Observer Data and Bycatch Estimation

Objectives

Convene a working group to review best practice guidance for the use of observer data for shrimp bycatch and catch estimation, and revise as needed.

Draft Statement of Work:

1. The working group will review the draft report of the 2017 Workshop to Evaluate Data Inputs and Methods for Estimating Reef Fish Bycatch in the Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Fishery (28 February – 2 March 2017), including:

a. Available data sources
b. Spatial/Temporal aspects of observer coverage, including changes in sampling methodology
c. Shrimp fishery bycatch estimates for recent SEDAR Gulf of Mexico stock assessments:
d. Current Approaches, Challenges and Recommendations
e. Workshop Conclusions

2. The group will develop best-practice guidance, and will document and justify revisions to the previous working group recommendations and conclusions, as needed.

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