

**Shrimp Committee
Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab D**

Agenda Item IV: Biological Review of the Texas Closure

Timeline Status: Information and Action

Council input and next steps: The Shrimp AP meeting summary and recommendation will be presented to the Committee, and the Committee is requested to take action and determine if the Texas Closure should continue in 2023.

Agenda Item V: Report on Expanded Sampling of the Fleet for Effort Monitoring in the Gulf Shrimp Fishery

Timeline Status: Information and Feedback

Council input and next steps: The Committee will receive the final report and the results of the pilot project conducted by LGL Ecological Associates. The Council funded LGL Ecological Associates to test the software P-Sea WindPlot, a commonly used navigational software, as a means of monitoring shrimping effort and compare results with data from the current cellular electronic logbook (cELB) units, which ceased cellular transmittal in December 2020. The Committee last received a presentation related to this project at its October 2022 meeting. The Committee should ask questions and provide feedback as appropriate.

Agenda Item VI: Update on NMFS VMS Project

Timeline Status: Information and Feedback

Council input and next steps: The Committee will be presented with an update on testing of cellular vessel monitoring system (cVMS) units on Gulf shrimp vessels. The Committee last received a presentation related to this project at its October 2022 meeting. The Committee should ask questions and provide feedback.

Agenda Item VII: Draft Shrimp Framework Action: Modification of the Vessel Position Data Collection Program for the Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Fishery

Timeline Status: Information and Feedback

Council input and next steps: The Committee will be presented with a draft framework amendment to transition the Gulf shrimp fishery from the expired cELB to a new device(s) collecting vessel position data for the purpose of maintaining effort estimation. Staff will review draft Purpose and Need statements and draft alternatives, as well as other potential decision

points. The Committee last reviewed the draft framework amendment at its June 2022 meeting and decided to hold on further discussion until the final results of the LGL Ecological Associates' P-Sea WindPlot pilot project and the NMFS VMS project were presented. Therefore, the Committee may consider discussion of the draft framework amendment in the context of the results of the two projects presented at this meeting. Staff will also provide the summary recommendations from the March 2023 Shrimp AP who also received the results of the two projects.

SEFSC staff will then provide an update on Congressional funding for shrimp vessel position data reporting, as it relates to the purpose for the draft shrimp framework action. The Committee should ask questions, and provide staff with further direction for the draft framework amendment.

Agenda Item VIII: Update on Shrimp Effort Estimation Model and 2021 Gulf Shrimp Fishery Effort

Timeline Status: Information and Feedback

Council input and next steps: The Committee will be presented with information regarding the discussions of the recently held shrimp effort estimation workshop. This will include proposed modifications to the shrimp effort estimation model and a discussion of the 2021 Gulf shrimp fishery effort calculations. The SSC and the Shrimp AP received similar presentations in March 2023, and representatives from those groups will provide feedback from their meetings. The Committee should consider the information presented, ask questions, and provide recommendations for improvements or future considerations.

Agenda Item IX: Remaining Items from Summary of the November 15, 2022, and March 15-16, 2023, Shrimp Advisory Panel Meetings

Timeline Status: Meeting Report and Summary

Council input and next steps: The Committee will be presented with any remaining AP recommendations that were not covered under other agenda items and determine if they wish to take any action on the AP's recommendations.

Agenda Item X: Other Business

Timeline Status: Additional items that can be brought up for discussion

Council Input and Next Steps: Additional items may be brought up for discussion by Committee members during the adoption of the agenda, time permitting. If the Committee wishes to pursue action, then action can be scheduled at a future Council meeting.
