

**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 2024.

Agenda Item V: 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 April 2023 meeting and decided to hold on further discussion until NMFS conducted side-by-side testing of cELB units with certain cellular vessel monitoring system units and the results of the data being run through the new NMFS shrimp effort algorithm had been presented to the Committee. These results were presented to the Committee at its October 2023 meeting. The Committee then requested to review the draft framework amendment at its April 2024 meeting, following an update on NMFS' Early Adopter Program at its January 2024 meeting. The Committee will also receive the summary recommendations from the March 2024 Shrimp AP meeting. The Committee should ask questions, and provide staff with further direction for the draft framework amendment.

Agenda Item VI: 2022 Gulf Shrimp Fishery Effort

Timeline Status: Information and Feedback

Council input and next steps: The Committee will be presented with information regarding the 2022 Gulf shrimp fishery effort calculations. The Committee should consider the information presented, ask questions, and provide recommendations for future considerations.

Agenda Item VII: Update on Number of Valid and Renewable Gulf Shrimp Permits and Discussion of Management Implications

Timeline Status: Information and Feedback

Council input and next steps: The Committee will be presented with information regarding the number of valid and renewable Gulf shrimp permits. Amendment 17B established two important provisions related to the number of valid and renewable Gulf shrimp moratorium (SPGM) permits. The first provision sets the minimum threshold number of SPGM permits for the fishery at 1,072. The second provision states that, if the number of valid and renewable SPGM permits hits 1,175, the Council will form a review panel to review the details of a permit pool and other options. The Committee should consider the information presented, ask questions, and determine if a review panel needs to be formed or if other action is needed.

Agenda Item VIII: Remaining Items from Summary of the March 19-20, 2024 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 IX: 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.
