

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

Agenda Item IV: Re-initiation of Endangered Species Action Section 7 Consultation on the Authorization of the Southeast U.S. Shrimp Fisheries in Federal Waters, Giant Manta Ray and Shrimp Trawl Interactions, and Next Steps

Timeline Status: Information and Feedback

Council input and next steps: SERO staff will update the Committee on the request for re-initiation of an ESA Section 7 consultation for the Gulf shrimp fishery in federal waters and cover the next steps in the process. To provide context for the request, SERO staff will also review a primer on giant manta rays, including new scientific information on their life history and distribution, as well as an update on smalltooth sawfish. The Committee should ask questions and provide feedback on the next steps.

Agenda Item V: Status Update of Side-by-Side Testing of Cellular Vessel Monitoring Systems (cVMS) and Cellular Electronic Logbooks (cELBs) on Gulf Shrimp Vessels

Timeline Status: Information and Feedback

Council Input and Next Steps: SEFSC staff will update the Committee on the status of side-by-side testing of cVMS and cELB units on Gulf shrimp vessels as well as the next steps in the timeline. The Committee should ask questions and provide feedback on the next steps.

Agenda Item VI: 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.
