

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

Agenda Item IV: Next Steps for Congressional Funding Budget for Shrimp Vessel Position Data Reporting

Timeline Status: Information and Feedback

Council input and next steps: SEFSC staff will update the Committee on the next steps for the Congressional funding budget for shrimp vessel position data reporting in the Gulf of Mexico. The Shrimp AP was convened on May 18, 2023, to provide feedback to NMFS on a draft budget proposal as a consultation between NMFS and shrimp industry stakeholders. The Congressional Appropriations language is in italics below. Council staff will review the Shrimp AP meeting summary. The Committee should consider any updates to the spend plan from NMFS based on feedback from the Shrimp AP meeting summary, ask questions, and provide feedback on the next steps.

Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Fishing Effort.---Within funds for Fisheries Data Collections, Surveys, and Assessments, the agreement provides \$850,000 for NMFS, in consultation with the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council and shrimp industry stakeholders, to continue the development and implementation of the newly approved Electronic Logbook program (ELB) that archives vessel position and automatically transmits scientific shrimp fishing effort data via cellular service to NMFS.

Agenda Item V: 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.
