

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

Agenda Item IV: Pilot Program to Evaluate Use of Vessel Navigation System to Measure Shrimping Effort

Timeline Status: Information, discussion, and feedback

Council input and next steps: The current cellular shrimp electronic logbook program will no longer be supported in the coming year. The shrimping industry is working with the Southeast Fisheries Science Center and Dr. Benny Gallaway to evaluate other avenues to collect shrimp effort data in the Gulf of Mexico. Dr. Gallaway will present an overview of a pilot program that uses a vessel navigation system with modified software to measure shrimping effort. He will also discuss the pilot project design such as the number and geographic distribution of vessels participating in the program, logistics of data transfer from shrimp vessels to the science center, and project costs of the pilot project. The Committee should consider the presentation and ask questions. The Committee will receive Shrimp AP recommendations on this pilot project program. The Committee may also discuss directing Council staff, if necessary, to begin development of a regulatory document to address how the Southeast Fisheries Science Center will measure shrimp effort after the 3G network is phased out.

Agenda Item V: Shrimp AP Summaries from March 2020 and November 2020

Timeline Status: Meeting Report

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