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Agenda Item IV: Results 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: The Committee will receive results of the NMFS cellular vessel monitoring (cVMS) testing on Gulf shrimp vessels. Responding to the Gulf Council's motion, the goal of this project was to test several different models of cVMS units, alongside the existing cellular electronic logbook devices, on five vessels out of Palacios, TX, for the full length of an average offshore trip. Originally, three models were requested to be tested, and the SEFSC expanded this to a fourth unit. Retrieved data has been run through the Dettloff effort algorithm for comparison. The Committee will also hear about progress on the early adopter approach. The Committee will then be presented with any Shrimp Advisory Panel (AP) motions related to the results of the NMFS pilot study. The Committee should ask questions and provide feedback both to NMFS on the pilot study as well to Council staff on the next steps and timing for the draft shrimp framework action.

Agenda Item V: Remaining Items from Summary of the October 19, 2023, Shrimp Advisory Panel Meeting

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 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.