

Council Actions in Response to Motions from the Dec 2021 Shrimp AP Meeting, and Jan 2022 Council Meeting Motions



AP Motion #1

Motion: To request that the Council work with NMFS to ensure that the agency's evaluation of the draft approval specifications set forth in Appendices D and E of the draft Shrimp Framework Action as requested by the Shrimp Effort Data Focus Group is completed in a timely manner and presented to the Council at its January 2022 meeting.

Status: *Letter requesting this evaluation and presentation had already been sent to NMFS on November 10, 2021. The Council received NMFS' evaluation at its January 2022 meeting; the Shrimp AP is receiving NMFS' evaluation as Agenda Item VII during the March 2022 meeting.*



AP Motion #2

Motion: To request that the Council work with the Office of Protected Resources to provide an annual update to the Shrimp AP and Gulf Council on sea turtle take and TED compliance.

Status: The Council did not make a motion related to this. However, the Office of Protected Resources is providing an update during the Shrimp AP's March 2022 meeting as Agenda Item XVI.



AP Motion #3

Motion: Pursuant to Section 305(b)(3) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, to request the Council to comment on and make recommendations to NMFS and BOEM regarding any potential impacts of offshore wind energy development, including offshore facilities and transmission lines, on all Essential Fish Habitat in the BOEM Call Area in the Gulf of Mexico.

Status: *See Council Motion #4 (slide 10).*



AP Motion #4

Motion: To request the Council to work with NMFS to ensure that BOEM enters into consultations with NMFS pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) with respect to any action BOEM takes or proposes to take to authorize offshore wind energy development in the Gulf that may affect any ESA listed species or designated critical habitat. Such consultations should begin as early in the BOEM process as possible.

Status: *See Council Motion #2 (slide 9).*



AP Motion #5

Motion: To request that the Council work with NMFS to ensure that the complete historical Gulf shrimp fishing effort data set is fully included and considered as part of the collaborative BOEM/NOAA spatial management analyses for evaluating potential sites for offshore wind energy facilities and transmission lines in the Gulf.

Status: *See Council Motion #1 (slide 9).*



AP Motion #6

Motion: To convey to the Council, NMFS and BOEM that the AP believes the analytical approach to spatial planning applied by NOAA in the AOA Atlas would be the most comprehensive, transparent, objective and, therefore, effective tool for supporting critical decision-making regarding competing ocean uses in the Gulf and for minimizing any adverse impacts of those uses on the shrimp industry, including the siting of offshore wind facilities and transmission lines in the BOEM Call Area.

Status: *See Council Motion #3 (slide 9).*



AP Motion #7

Motion: To request that the Council communicate with BOEM that two shrimp industry representatives be added to the taskforce.

Status: *See Council Motion #4 (slide 10).*



January 2022 Council Mtg

Motions #1-3

MOTION: To request that the Council work with NMFS and BOEM to ensure that the complete historical Gulf shrimp fishing effort data set is fully included and considered as part of the collaborative BOEM/NOAA spatial management analyses for evaluating potential sites for offshore wind energy facilities and transmission lines in the Gulf.

MOTION: To request the Council work with NMFS to ensure that BOEM enters into consultations with NMFS pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act with respect to any action BOEM takes or proposes to take to authorize offshore wind energy development in the Gulf that may affect any ESA listed species or designated critical habitat. Such consultations should begin as early in the BOEM process as possible.

MOTION: To convey to NMFS and BOEM that the analytical approach to spatial planning applied by NOAA in the AOA Atlas is comprehensive, transparent, objective and, therefore, an effective tool for supporting critical decision-making regarding competing ocean uses in the Gulf and for minimizing any adverse impacts of those uses on the Gulf fishing industry, including the siting of offshore wind facilities and transmission lines in the BOEM Call Area.

Status: *Letter conveying this request was sent to BOEM and to NMFS on February 9, 2022.*



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Motion #4

MOTION: Pursuant to Section 305(b)(3) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the Council directs staff to write a letter to BOEM summarizing the comments and concerns from the Advisory Panel and the Council regarding potential impacts of offshore wind energy development, including offshore facilities and transmission lines, on all Essential Fish Habitat in the BOEM Call Area in the Gulf of Mexico. In addition, the Council directs staff to include a request for consideration of membership on the BOEM Gulf of Mexico Task Force.

Status: Letter conveying this request was sent to BOEM and to NMFS on February 9, 2022.

BOEM confirmed that the Council could not be a member of the Task Force. Task forces are for federal-state consultations and are limited to state government officials designated by the Governor, officials from affected federal agencies, elected local government officials, and elected tribal leaders. Regional Fisheries Management Councils do not meet these criteria unless specific individuals from the Councils are also representatives of a state or Federal entity. Those members may represent Council interests on the intergovernmental task forces.

