

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

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**Agenda Item IV:** Draft Options Shrimp Amendment 18: Evaluation of Shrimp Effort Threshold Reduction in the Area Monitored for Juvenile Red Snapper Bycatch

**Timeline Status:** Draft Options

**Council Input and Next Steps:** The Committee will be presented with the draft options paper for Shrimp Amendment 18 which looks at reducing the effort threshold on the shrimp fishery. The Committee is asked to provide staff with guidance on the range of alternatives in Action 1. The Committee is also requested with determining if it would like a new action which would outline a procedure to reduce the effort threshold in the future without a full plan amendment. Staff will bring a revised document to the Council at a future meeting. The Shrimp AP will be provided an opportunity to make recommendations on the document in early 2019 before the April Council meeting.

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