

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

Agenda Item IV: NMFS' Evaluation of Draft Approval Specifications for Reinstating Historical cELB Program

Timeline Status: Information and Feedback

Council input and next steps: NMFS staff will respond to a Council request for an evaluation of draft approval specifications for reinstating the historical cELB program. The Council requested specific items be considered in the evaluation: logistics involved in either bringing a National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service server online for data transmission or use of a Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission server; which office or center of the National Marine Fisheries Service will house the technical specifications for the Gulf shrimp industry; who will handle the scientific testing and vetting of vendors seeking type-approval. The Committee should consider the presentation, ask questions, and discuss the implications to the related alternative in the draft framework action.

Agenda Item V: Updated Draft Framework Action: Modification of the Vessel Position Data Collection Program for the Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Fishery

Timeline Status: Information and Feedback

Council input and next steps: The Committee will be presented with an updated draft framework action to transition the Gulf shrimp fishery from the expired 3G cELB to a new device collecting vessel position data for the purpose of maintaining effort estimation. Staff will review draft alternatives. The Committee has Background Information available, which contains an update from NMFS on testing of cellular VMS on Gulf shrimp vessels. The Committee should ask questions and provide staff with further direction specifically on the timing and next steps for the development of the draft framework action, based on the information received from NMFS on the evaluation of the draft approval specifications for reinstating the historical cELB program. Further, the Council has recently solicited and decided on proposals to test the P-Sea WindPlot software program with a proportion of the shrimp fleet in the Gulf of Mexico, and the results of these efforts are likely to be completed in early to mid-2023.

Agenda Item VI: Shrimp AP Summary from December 2021

Timeline Status: Meeting Report and Discussion

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.

Agenda Item VIII: 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.
