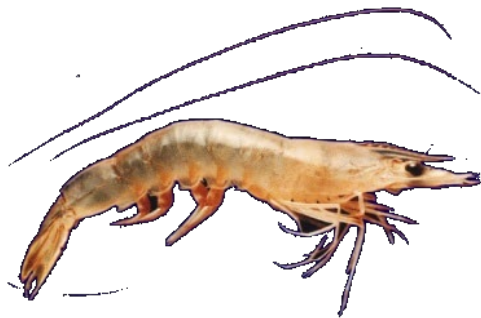




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# Review of the 2020 Texas Closure



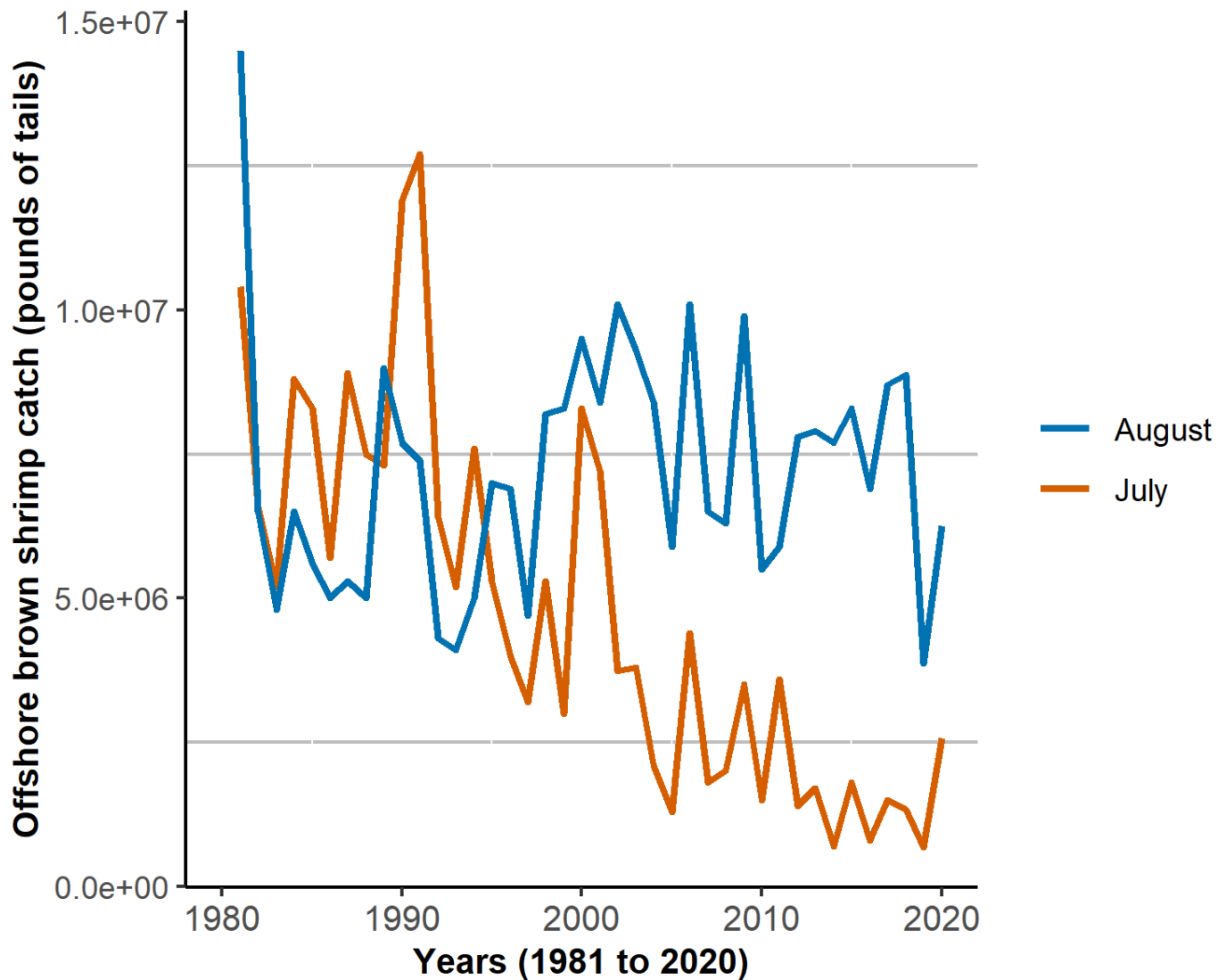
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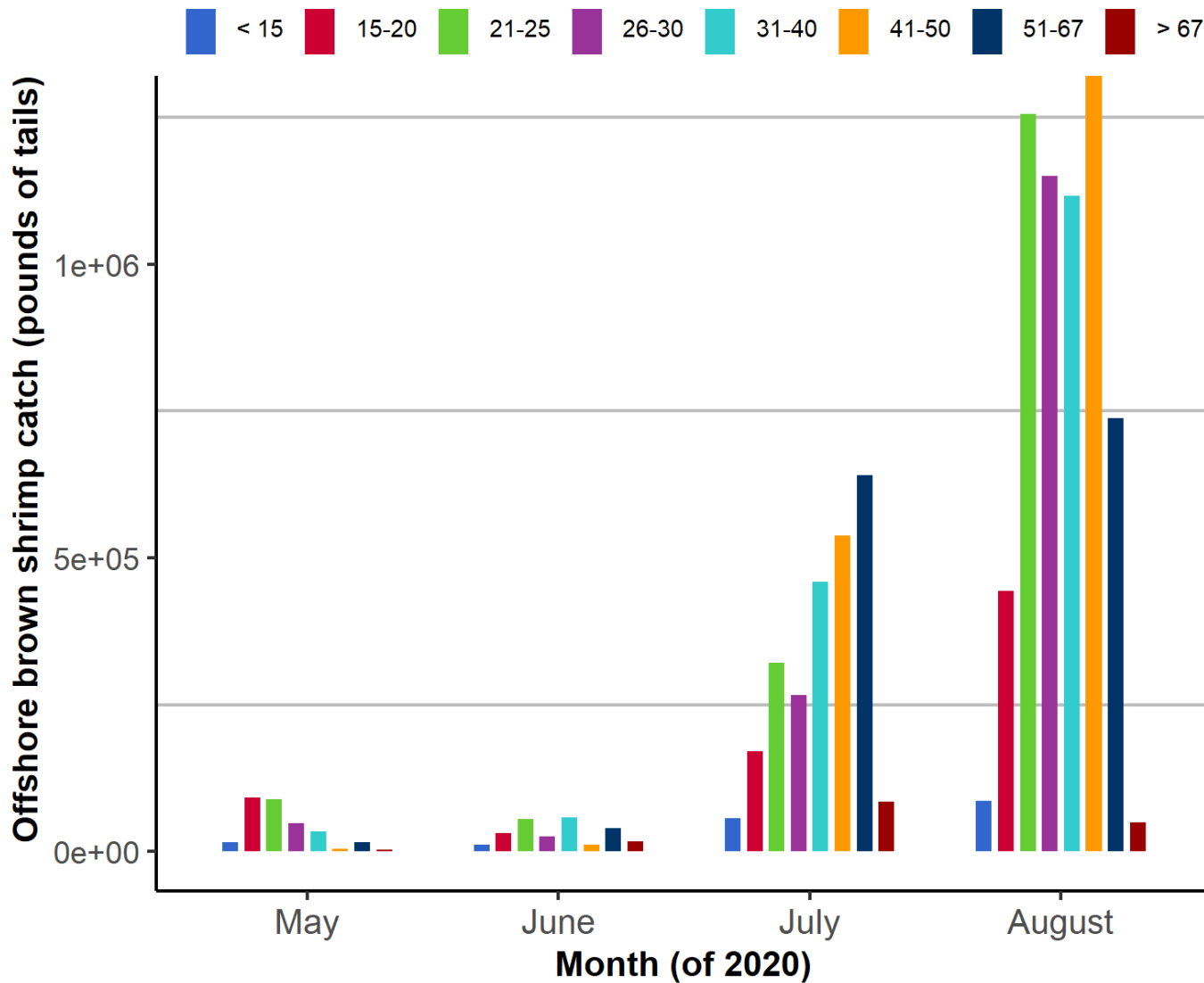
# History of the Texas Closure

The GMFMC's Shrimp FMP was implemented in 1981 for the EEZ fishery.

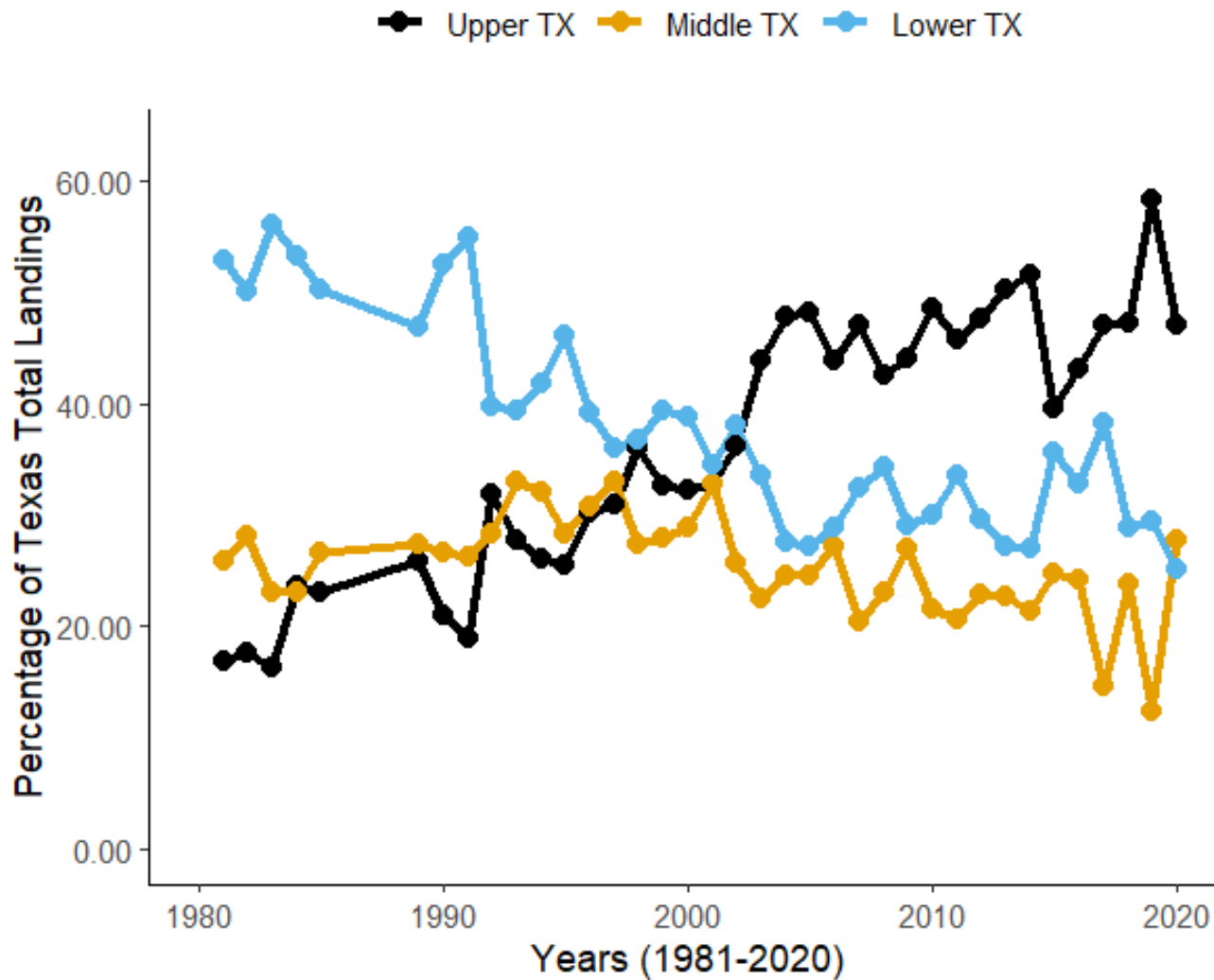
- Goal was to increase the yield and value of brown shrimp harvested from offshore Texas waters.
- Historically the closure is from Mid-May to Mid-July.
- Since 1990 the near shore (< 4 fathoms area) has also been closed in conjunction.



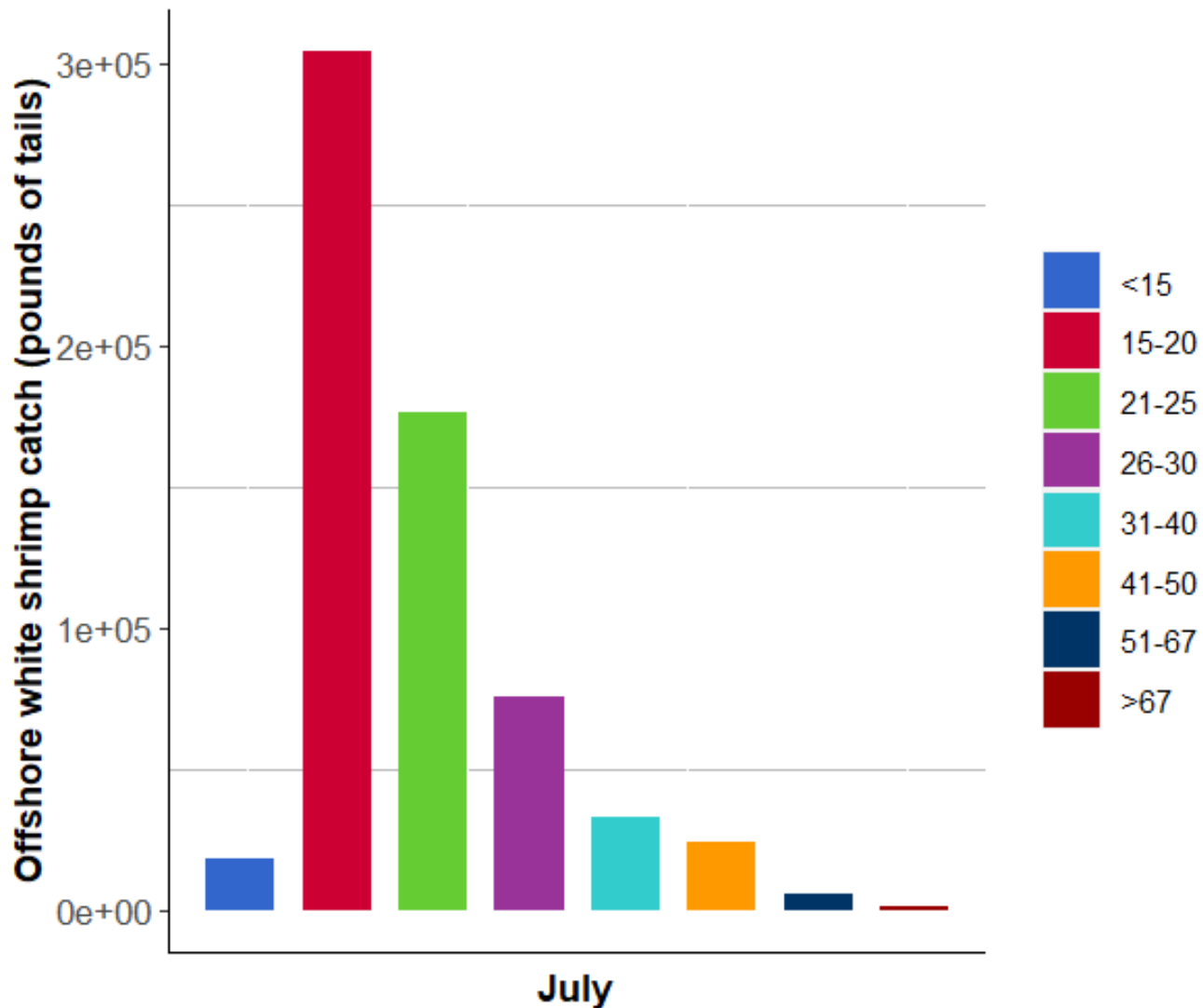
## Offshore TX Brown Shrimp catch for July and August, 1981-2020



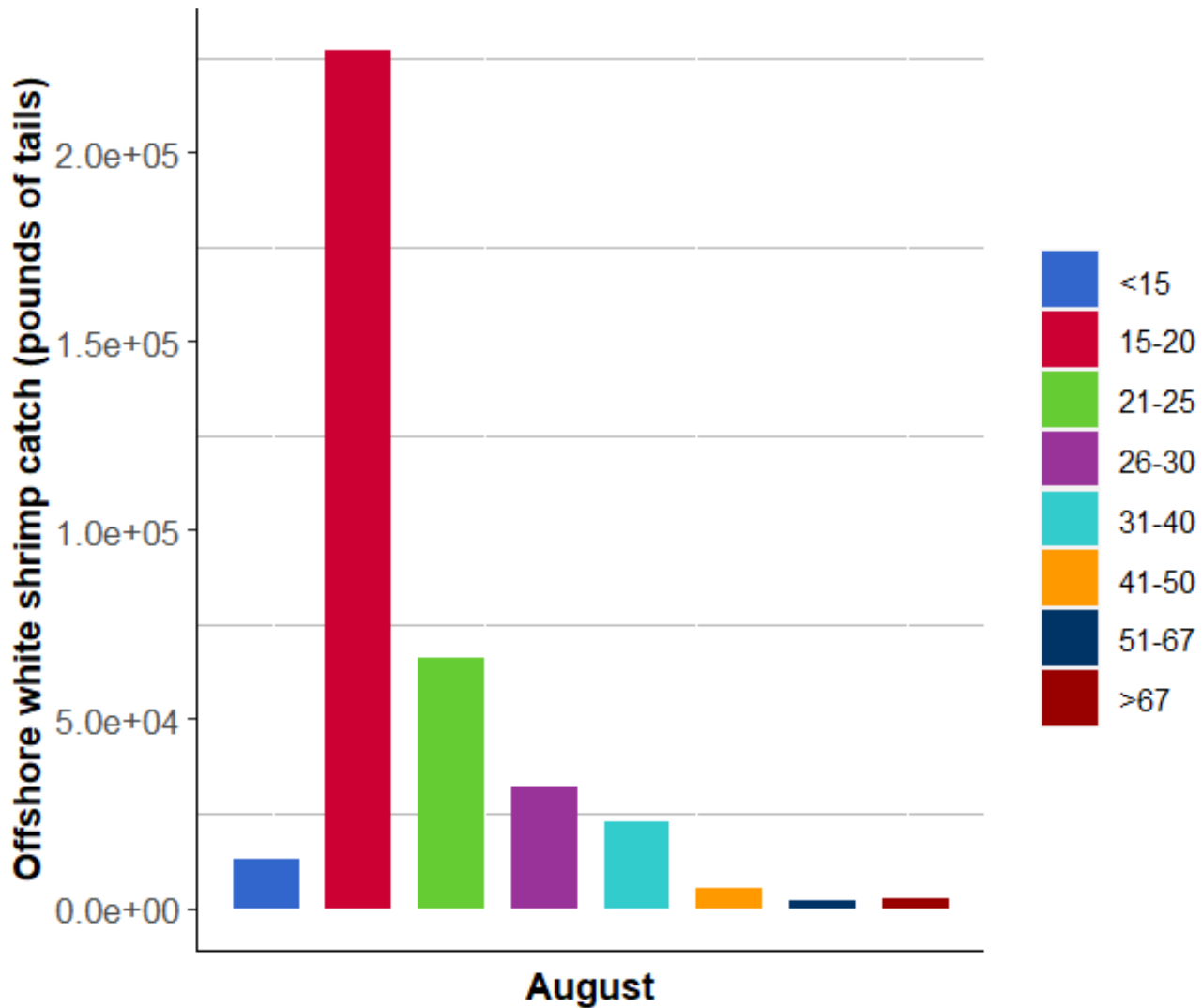
## Monthly offshore TX Brown Shrimp catch for May – August, 2020



Texas shrimp landings by region (upper, middle and lower), in May-August



## Offshore TX White Shrimp catch for July, 2020



## Offshore TX White Shrimp catch for August, 2020

# Summary: Texas Fishing Trends

- Inshore TX Brown Shrimp catch in May-August is below the historical average (257,162 lbs. < 4.2 M lbs.), with 70.1% of the catch occurring in August
- Offshore TX Brown Shrimp catch in May-August is below the historical average (9.39 < 13.6 M lbs.); and in July-August, only 1.5% of the catch is in the >67 count size category



# Summary:

## Texas Shrimp Landings by Region

- Slight decrease in the proportion of landings across upper and lower Texas regions, and a slight increase in the proportion of landings in the middle Texas region, relative to last year

# Summary: White Shrimp landings

- 2020 White Shrimp catch off Texas in July was above the July average (638,538 lbs > 444,408 lbs), compared to previous years (1980-2019)
- 2020 White Shrimp catch off Texas in August was below the August average (371,226 lbs < 725,659 lbs), compared to previous years (1980-2019)
- Most of the White shrimp caught off Texas in July-August 2020 were in the 15-20 size count category

