

**Scope of Work
Shrimp Advisory Panel
Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council**

**Hybrid Meeting
December 7-8, 2021
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET**

Agenda Item VI: Council Actions in Response to Motions from the March 2021 Shrimp AP Meeting, and October 2021 Council Meeting Motions

Council staff will provide an overview of Council actions in response to the Shrimp AP's motions at the March 2021 meeting. Council staff will also present the Council motions from its October 2021 meeting, related to the shrimp industry. This information does not require any formal AP action.

Agenda Item VII: Update on Vessel Position Data Collection

The AP will receive several presentations related to vessel position data collection for the Gulf shrimp industry. The first presentation will be an historical overview of the current cELB units' programming and implementation. This will be followed by a presentation on data elements collected by current cELB units, such as latitude, longitude, and a timestamp. Next, the AP will be presented with information on the Gulf State Marine Fisheries Commission's current process for data retrieval, security, and storage, as well as additional capabilities. Ms. Bosarge (Council member) will then review a comparison table containing elements for VMS type-approval in contrast with draft technical specifications for reinstituting the historical cELB program for the federal Gulf shrimp fishery. This will be followed by a presentation of a case study of South Atlantic rock shrimp VMS data inputted into the Gulf shrimp effort algorithm for illustration of compatibility. Council staff will then review the summary of the October 2021 Shrimp Focus Group meeting, before reviewing the draft shrimp framework action. The AP should consider the presentations and ask questions.

Agenda Item VIII: Draft Plan for Pilot Testing of VMS Units on Gulf Shrimp Vessels

The AP will be presented with a draft plan for pilot testing of VMS units on Gulf shrimp vessels. The AP should ask questions and provide feedback on the draft plan. The AP will also be asked to assist in identifying industry vessels and defining the panel of vessels/strata that will satisfy industry concerns over VMS deployment in the Gulf shrimp fishery.

Agenda Item IX: Recent Shrimp Biological Opinion

The AP will be presented with a summary of the new ESA biological opinion completed on April 26, 2021 on the Implementation of the Sea Turtle Conservation Regulations under the ESA and the Authorization of the Southeast U.S. Shrimp Fisheries in Federal Waters under the

Magnuson Stevens Fishery Management and Conservation Act . The AP should consider the presentation and ask questions.

Agenda Item X: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management: Wind Energy Development in the Gulf

The AP will be presented with information regarding BOEM's offshore wind development process and status in the Gulf of Mexico. The AP will also be presented with an overview of BOEM's Gulf of Mexico webpage. The AP should consider the presented information and ask questions.

Agenda Item XI: Update on Aquaculture Opportunity Areas

The AP will be presented with information on the newly released NOAA aquaculture Atlas for the Gulf of Mexico. Additionally, information will be provided on the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement process, including the stages for stakeholder engagement and opportunities for public participation in the process. The AP should consider the presentation and ask questions.

Agenda Item XII: Discussion of Shark Depredation

Ms. Bosarge will lead the AP in a discussion of shark depredation in the Gulf shrimp fishery. The AP should contribute to the discussion based on experiences across the Gulf and ask pertinent questions.

Agenda Item XIII: Public Comment

Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak. Directions for providing testimony can be found here: <https://gulfcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/Public-Comment-GoToWebinar-Instructions.pdf>

Agenda Item XIV: Other Business

Other items may be added during the Adoption of the Agenda.