

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

March 4, 2025

Agenda Item IV: Council Actions in Response to Motions from the December 2024 Shrimp AP Meeting

Council staff will provide an overview of Council actions in response to the Shrimp AP's motions at the December 2024 meeting. This information does not require any formal AP action.

Agenda Item V: Update on Number of Valid and Renewable Federal Gulf Shrimp Permits

The AP will be presented with information on the current number of SPGM permits and recent annual trends, as well as a brief summary of the provisions in Amendment 17b that stipulate a minimum threshold number of shrimp permits and corresponding Council action. The AP should consider the presented information and ask questions.

Agenda Item VI: Update of the Economics of the Federally-permitted Gulf Shrimp Fleet

The AP will be presented with the annual economics of the federally-permitted Gulf shrimp fleet through 2023, including average vessel revenues, costs by categories, prices, and profitability and productivity measures. Further, prices by shrimp size categories will be presented and discussed. The AP should consider the presented information and ask questions.

Agenda Item VII: Discussion of Potential Expiration of Moratorium for Federal Gulf Shrimp Permits

The AP will be presented with information regarding the potential expiration in October 2026 of the moratorium on federal Gulf shrimp permits. The AP should consider the presented information, ask questions, and provide feedback to the Council on whether or not to allow the moratorium to expire.

Agenda Item VIII: 2023 Gulf Shrimp Fishery Landings

SEFSC staff will review the Gulf shrimp fishery landings for 2023. The AP should consider the information presented and ask questions.

Agenda Item IX: Biological Review of the 2024 Texas Closure

The AP will be presented with the analysis of the Texas Closure. The Shrimp AP is asked to provide the Council with a recommendation on the Texas Closure for 2025.

Agenda Item X: Review of 2023 Royal Red Landings

The AP will be presented with the 2023 Royal Red landings, relative to the ACL. This information does not require any formal AP action.

Agenda Item XI: 2023 Gulf Shrimp Fishery Effort and Species-Specific Shrimp Effort Estimates

The AP will be presented with the Gulf shrimp fishery effort estimates for 2023. The AP should consider the information presented and ask questions.

Agenda Item XII: Status of SD Card Returns

The AP will be presented with information on the return rates of SD cards in the Gulf, since 3G transmission of shrimp vessel position location data ceased. This information does not require any formal AP action.

Agenda Item XIII: Update on Early Adopter Program

The AP will be presented with information on the progress of the Early Adopter Program for a cellular vessel monitoring system with the Gulf federal shrimp fleet. The AP should ask questions and provide feedback.

Agenda Item XIV: SERO Protected Resources Sea Turtle Updates, Sea Turtle Take and TED Compliance

The AP will be presented with an update on observed sea turtles in trawls and TED compliance information as requested by the AP and on other sea turtle news and actions of potential interest. The AP should consider the information presented and ask questions.

Agenda Item XV: New Bycatch Estimates and Other Analyses for Smalltooth Sawfish and/or Giant Manta Ray

The AP will be presented with the anticipated deliverables from the new bycatch estimates associated with supporting the Shrimp Biological Opinion and with the timeline for eventual presentations to the SSC and potentially to the Council. The AP should consider the presented information and ask questions.

Agenda Item XVI: Additional Updates for Giant Manta Ray and Sawfish, and BiOp Updates

The AP will be presented with updated information regarding recent recovery actions for giant manta ray, the mortality event afflicting sawfish in the Florida Keys in 2024, trends in juvenile sawfish abundance in Charlotte Harbor, and the reinitiation of the Section 7 consultation on shrimp fisheries. The AP should consider the presented information and ask questions.

Agenda Item XVII: Update on Gulf Shrimp Stock Assessment (SEDAR 87)

The AP will receive an update on the stock assessment (SEDAR 87) for brown, white, and pink shrimp in the Gulf. The AP should consider the information presented and ask questions.

Agenda Item XVIII: Revised Administrative Costs for Draft Shrimp Framework Action

The AP will be presented with revised administrative costs for the draft Shrimp Framework Action. The AP should consider the information presented and ask questions.

Agenda Item XIX: 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 XX: Other Business

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