

# Council Actions in Response to Motions from the Dec 2024 Shrimp AP Meetings



# AP Motion #1

**Motion:** The Shrimp AP recommends that, instead of a census of the fleet, the SEFSC develop a statistically robust design for distributing units to a representative portion of the active vessels in the fleet that would be comparable to the last 10 years.

**Status:** *No Council motions made since the April 2024 meeting. (Almost identical to a Shrimp AP motion from March '24, which the Council passed at its April '24 meeting.*

*A letter was sent to the SEFSC from the Council in April '24 requesting the adoption of this priority while utilizing the Congressional FY24 appropriation of \$850k for ELB development and implementation for the Gulf shrimp industry.*



# AP Motion #2

**Motion:** To request the Council to receive a brief slide presentation from the Shrimp AP Chair regarding revised cost estimates for Draft Shrimp Framework Alternatives 2 and 3.

**Status:** *No Council motion since the Shrimp AP Chair discussed the materials on cost estimates meeting during the Jan '25 Council meeting; the Shrimp AP Chair also introduced new materials on cost estimates during Public Testimony of the Jan '25 Council meeting.*



# Jan '24 Council Motion

**Motion:** To request a detailed accounting of all administrative costs to OLE and the SEFSC associated with **Alternatives 2 and 3**.

*Motion carried with no opposition.*

\*Presentations to the Shrimp AP at its March '25 meeting and to the Council at its April '25 meeting have been requested.



# AP Motion #3

**Motion:** To request the Council's consideration of the following revisions to Draft Shrimp Framework Alternative 3 and to adopt Alternative 3, as so modified, as its Preferred Alternative:

**Alternative 3:** Implement a cellular ~~VMS (eVMS)~~ **ELB (cELB)** requirement for the Gulf shrimp fishery that provides archived position data **to the SEFSC that is** compatible with the SEFSC's shrimp effort algorithm. If selected by the SRD, the owner or operator of a vessel with a SPGM would be required to install a ~~NMFS~~ **SEFSC**-approved ~~eVMS~~ **cELB** that archives vessel position when on a shrimp fishing trip in the Gulf and automatically transmits those data via cellular service to a non-OLE NMFS server. ~~NMFS~~ **SEFSC**-approved ~~eVMS~~ **cELBs** would be type-approved **for the Gulf shrimp fishery** through a process external to 50 C.F.R. § 600.1501.

\*Noted in the Council discussion that the word 'shrimp' before 'fishing trip' had been added by the Shrimp AP's motion but not highlighted as a change.

\*The Council heard from NOAA General Counsel that changing 'SEFSC' to 'NMFS' would be overly prescriptive, so the Council retained the language of 'NMFS'.



# AP Motion #3

***Status: Council passed the following motion: To revise the following language recommended by the Shrimp Advisory Panel for Alternative 3. Alternative 3 would be revised as follows:***

***Alternative 3: Implement a cellular ~~VMS (eVMS)~~ ELB (cELB) requirement for the Gulf shrimp fishery that provides archived position data to the NMFS that is compatible with the SEFSC's shrimp effort algorithm. If selected by the SRD, the owner or operator of a vessel with a SPGM would be required to install a ~~NMFS~~ NMFS-approved ~~eVMS~~ cELB that archives vessel position when on a shrimp fishing trip in the Gulf and automatically transmits those data via cellular service to a non-OLE NMFS server. ~~NMFS~~ NMFS-approved ~~eVMS~~ cELBs would be type-approved for the Gulf shrimp fishery through a process external to 50 C.F.R. § 600.1501.***



# Jan '25 Council Motion

**Motion:** To modify **Alternative 2** as follows:

**Alternative 2:** Implement a vessel monitoring system (VMS) requirement for the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) shrimp fishery that provides, at a minimum, archived position data compatible with the Southeast Fisheries Science Center's (SEFSC) shrimp effort algorithm to a NMFS server. If selected by the Science and Research Director (SRD), the owner or operator of a vessel with a Gulf shrimp moratorium (SPGM) permit would be required to install a type-approved VMS unit (50 C.F.R. § 600.1501) that archives or transmits vessel position data to a NMFS server when on a fishing trip in the Gulf.

*Motion carried with no opposition.*

\*The Council wanted to mirror language in Alternative 3. This addition was and is contained in the discussion of the alternatives.



# Jan '25 Council Motion

**Motion:** To make **Alternative 3** the preferred.

*Alternative 3: Implement a cellular ~~VMS (eVMS)~~ **ELB (cELB)** requirement for the Gulf shrimp fishery that provides archived position data **to the NMFS that is** compatible with the SEFSC's shrimp effort algorithm. If selected by the SRD, the owner or operator of a vessel with a SPGM would be required to install a ~~NMFS~~ **NMFS**-approved ~~eVMS~~ **cELB** that archives vessel position when on a **shrimp** fishing trip in the Gulf and automatically transmits those data via cellular service to a non-OLE NMFS server. ~~NMFS~~ **NMFS**- approved ~~eVMS~~ **cELBs** would be type-approved **for the Gulf shrimp fishery** through a process external to 50 C.F.R. § 600.1501.*

*Motion carried 9 to 2 with 5 abstentions and 1 absent.*

\*Mailouts are being processed to notify Gulf shrimp moratorium permit holders how to provide written comments through the online form and via email and of a virtual public hearing on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, at 6pm EST.

