

# Council Actions in Response to Motions from the March '24 Shrimp AP Meetings



# AP Motion #1

**Motion:** To request that the SEFSC recall the previous trip matching code/algorithm for determining species-specific shrimp effort and see if there any improvements that can be made in an effort to ensure that we have a long-term, consistent time series of species-specific shrimp effort. This information would be reported back, at a minimum, to the Shrimp AP at its next meeting.

**Status:** *No Council motions made.*



# AP Motion #2

**Motion:** To request that NMFS continue with the Texas Federal Closure in the coming year in conjunction with the state of Texas closure in 2024.

**Status:** *Council passed same motion. Letter transmitted to NMFS in April 2024.*



# AP Motion #3

**Motion:** To request the Council to amend Action 1: Alternative 3 as follows and to select Alternative 3 as so amended as its preferred Alternative:

Alternative 3: Implement a cellular ELB (cELB) requirement for the Gulf shrimp fishery that provides archived position data compatible with the SEFSC's shrimp effort algorithm. If selected by the SRD, the owner or operator of a shrimp vessel with a valid or renewable SPGM would be required to install a NMFS-approved ELB 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~~. Data shall not be transmitted directly to the NMFS Office of Law Enforcement but shall instead be transmitted automatically and directly via cellular service to the NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center's server. NMFS-approved ELBs for the Gulf shrimp fishery would not be type-approved based on regulations at 50 CFR 600.1501.

***Status: Council passed the following motion: In Alternative 3, to replace “a non-OLE server” with “the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) or Office of Science and Technology”.***

***\*\*See Council motion #3 from Nov '24 (slide 8 of this presentation).***



# AP Motion #4

**Motion:** The Shrimp AP recommends that the Council requests NMFS adopt the following priorities for utilizing the FY24 \$850,000 appropriation for ELB development and implementation:

- 1) Sufficient funding to ensure the SEFSC server has sufficient capacity to receive and store shrimp fishery vessel position data.
- 2) Develop a statistically robust design for distributing units to a representative portion of the fleet that would be comparable to the last 10 years.
- 3) Cover the cost of providing units and cellular service to those shrimp vessels, pursuant to the Early Adopter Program.

***Status: Council passed similar motion. Letter transmitted to NMFS in April 2024.***



# Nov '24 Council Motion #1

**Motion:** To convene the Shrimp Advisory Panel to review, discuss, and provide commentary to the Council regarding the revisions to the Draft Shrimp Framework Action: Modification of the Vessel Position Data Collection Program for the Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Fishery in advance of the Gulf Council's January 2025 meeting.

*Motion carried with no opposition.*



# Nov '24 Council Motion #2

**Motion:** To adopt the language in Action 1, Alternative 1 per the IPT's recommendation.

Alternative 1: No Action - Maintain the current method to collect vessel position data through the cellular electronic logbook (cELB) units supplied by NMFS. NMFS would collect the memory cards from the units via mail.

*Motion carried with no opposition.*



# Nov '24 Council Motion #3

**Motion:** To approve the revised language in Action 1, Alternative 3 with the recognition that funding is currently unavailable.

Alternative 3: Implement a cellular VMS (cVMS) requirement for the Gulf shrimp fishery that provides archived position data 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-approved cVMS 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-approved cVMS would be type-approved through a process external to 50 C.F.R. § 600.1501.

*Motion carried with no opposition.*



# Nov '24 Council Motion #4

**Motion:** To approve the following language in Action 1, Alternative 2.

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 SEFSC's 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 permit (SPGM) would be required to install a type-approved VMS unit (50 C.F.R. § 600.1501).

*Motion carried with no opposition.*

