

**Shrimp Committee  
Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab D**

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**Agenda Item IV:** Review of the Expenditures of the FY23 Funds for the Early Adopter Program for Shrimp cVMS and Update on the Early Adopter Program for Shrimp cVMS

**Timeline Status:** Information and Action

**Council input and next steps:** As requested by the Shrimp Committee at the April 2024 Council meeting, the Committee will receive information on NMFS' expenditures of the Fiscal Year 2023 funds for the Early Adopter Program for a cellular vessel monitoring system (cVMS) with the Gulf of Mexico federal shrimp fleet. The Committee will also receive information on the progress of the Early Adopter Program. The Committee should ask questions and provide feedback to NMFS.

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**Agenda Item V:** Update on Shrimp Futures Project

**Timeline Status:** Information and Feedback

**Council input and next steps:** The Committee will be presented with information on NMFS' Shrimp Futures Project. Project objectives and actions designed to accomplish these objectives will be reviewed, as well as the anticipated timeline. The Committee should ask questions and provide feedback to NMFS.

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**Agenda Item VI:** Recap of Southeast Shrimp Strategy and Planning Meeting

**Timeline Status:** Information and Feedback

**Council input and next steps:** The Committee will be presented with information regarding the Southeast Shrimp Strategy and Planning Meeting held April 30-May 1, 2024, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting covered various topics so to address challenges facing the shrimp industry in the Southeast. Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas Sea Grant College Programs along with the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission hosted the meeting, which was attended by harvesters, processors, seafood buyers, and staff from both state and federal agencies. The Committee should ask questions concerning the meeting.

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**Agenda Item VII:** Update on Timing of Reinitiation of Section 7 Consultation

**Timeline Status:** Information and Feedback

**Council input and next steps:** The Committee will be presented with information regarding NOAA Fisheries reinitiation of the 2021 Shrimp Opinion to address giant manta rays and

smalltooth sawfish. Formal consultation begins once NOAA Fisheries determines it has the information necessary to adequately evaluate the potential effects of the proposed action (i.e., a complete initiation package). Staff from Protected Resource Division at SERO will review progress made on assembling a complete initiation package for conducting the consultation. SERO will describe the latest information available, timing for the consultation, and next steps in the process.

The Council should consider the information presented and ask questions. The Committee should also consider a request for NOAA Fisheries to present data analyses with its SSC and consider what information would be useful in updates to the Council at future meetings.

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**Agenda Item IX:** Other Business

**Timeline Status:** Additional items that can be brought up for discussion.

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Additional items may be brought up for discussion by Committee members during the adoption of the agenda, time permitting. If the Committee wishes to pursue action, then action can be scheduled at a future Council meeting.

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