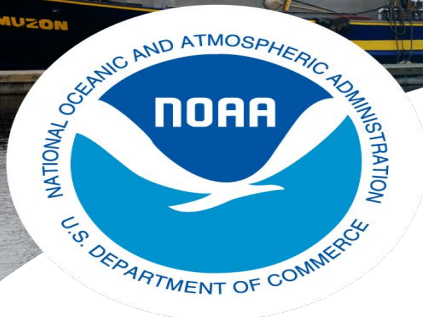


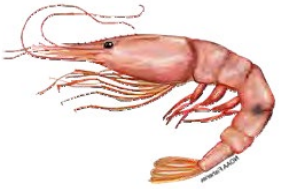


Next Steps for Gulf Shrimp Catch Advice



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- SSC reviews the assessments and provides the status and an OFL and ABC. February 24, 2026
 - Due to the annual nature of penaeid shrimp stocks, the Council does not need to set an annual catch limit (unless the stock is undergoing overfishing).*
 - 600.310 (h)(1)(i) – Life cycle. Section 303(a)(15) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act “shall not apply to a fishery for species that have a life cycle of approximately 1 year unless the Secretary has determined the fishery is subject to overfishing of that species” (Pub. L. 109-479 104(b)(2)). This exception applies to a stock for which the average age of spawners in the population is approximately 1 year or less. While exempt from the ACL and AM requirements, FMPs or FMP amendments for these stocks **must have SDC, MSY, OY, ABC, and an ABC control rule.**



* (<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-50/chapter-VI/part-600/subpart-D/section-600.310>)

Council Next Steps



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- The Council would then work to update the SDC and MSY for each species separately.
 - SSC recommended $MSY=ABC$
- The Council can consider updating the aggregate MSY and OY at a later date and re-evaluate the shrimp permit threshold.
- Timing of these actions is dependent on Council workload/prioritization.



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