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Review of the 2025 Texas Closure

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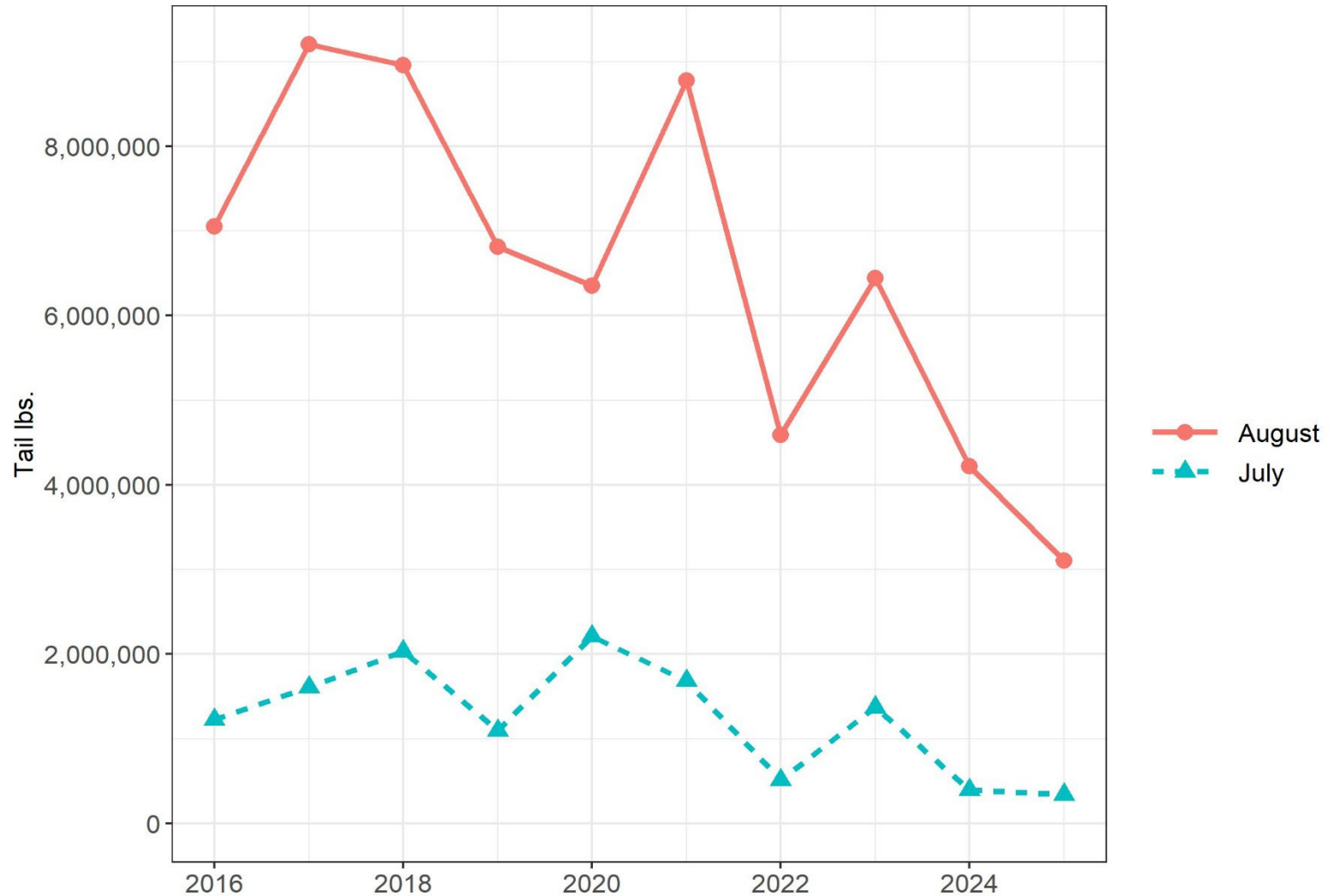
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History of the Texas Closure

The Gulf Council's Shrimp FMP was implemented in 1981 for the EEZ fishery.

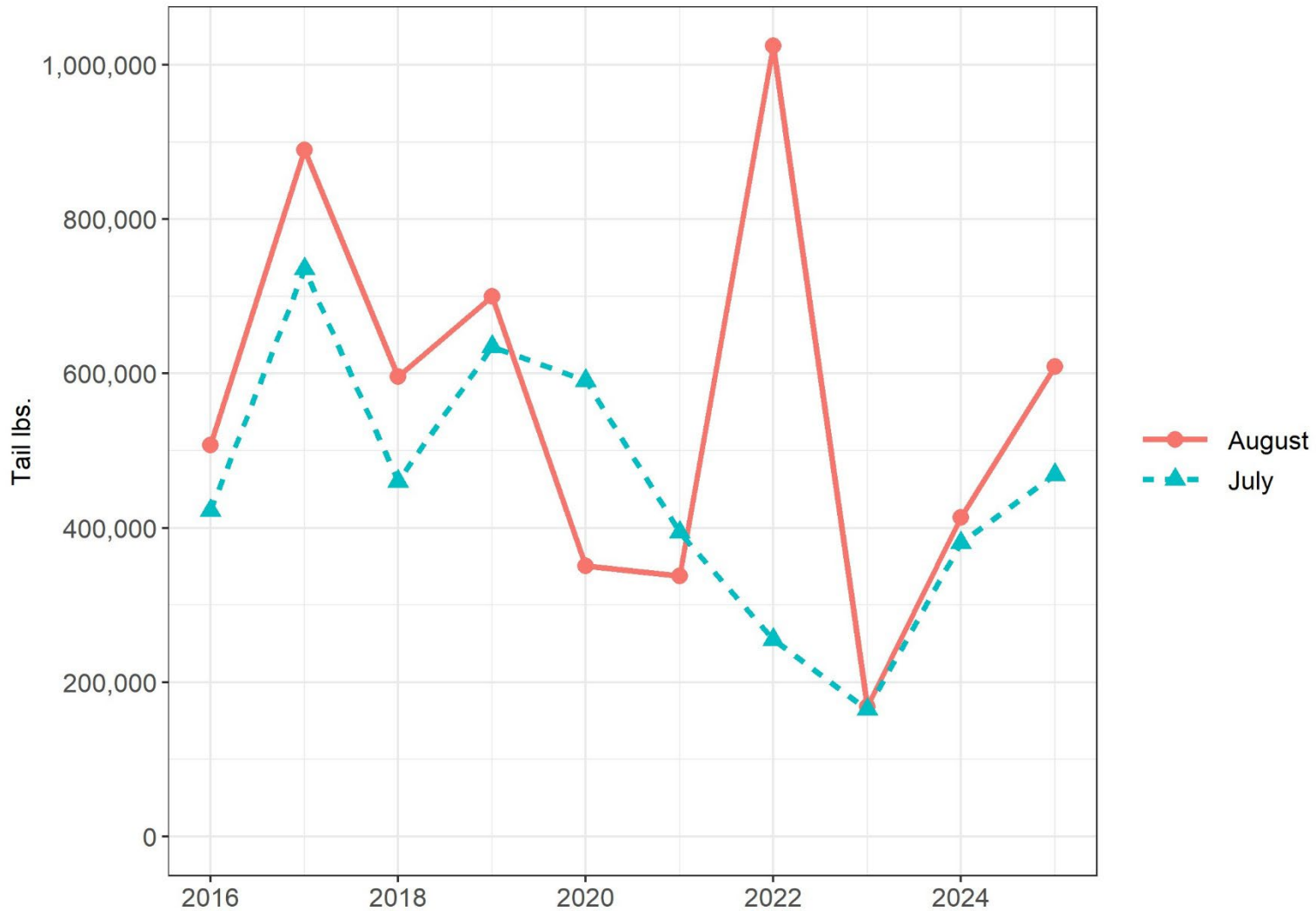
- Goal was to increase the yield of brown shrimp harvested from offshore Texas waters.
- Historically the closure is from Mid-May to Mid-July.
- Since 1990 the near-shore (< 4 fathoms area) has also been closed in conjunction.

TX Offshore Brown Shrimp



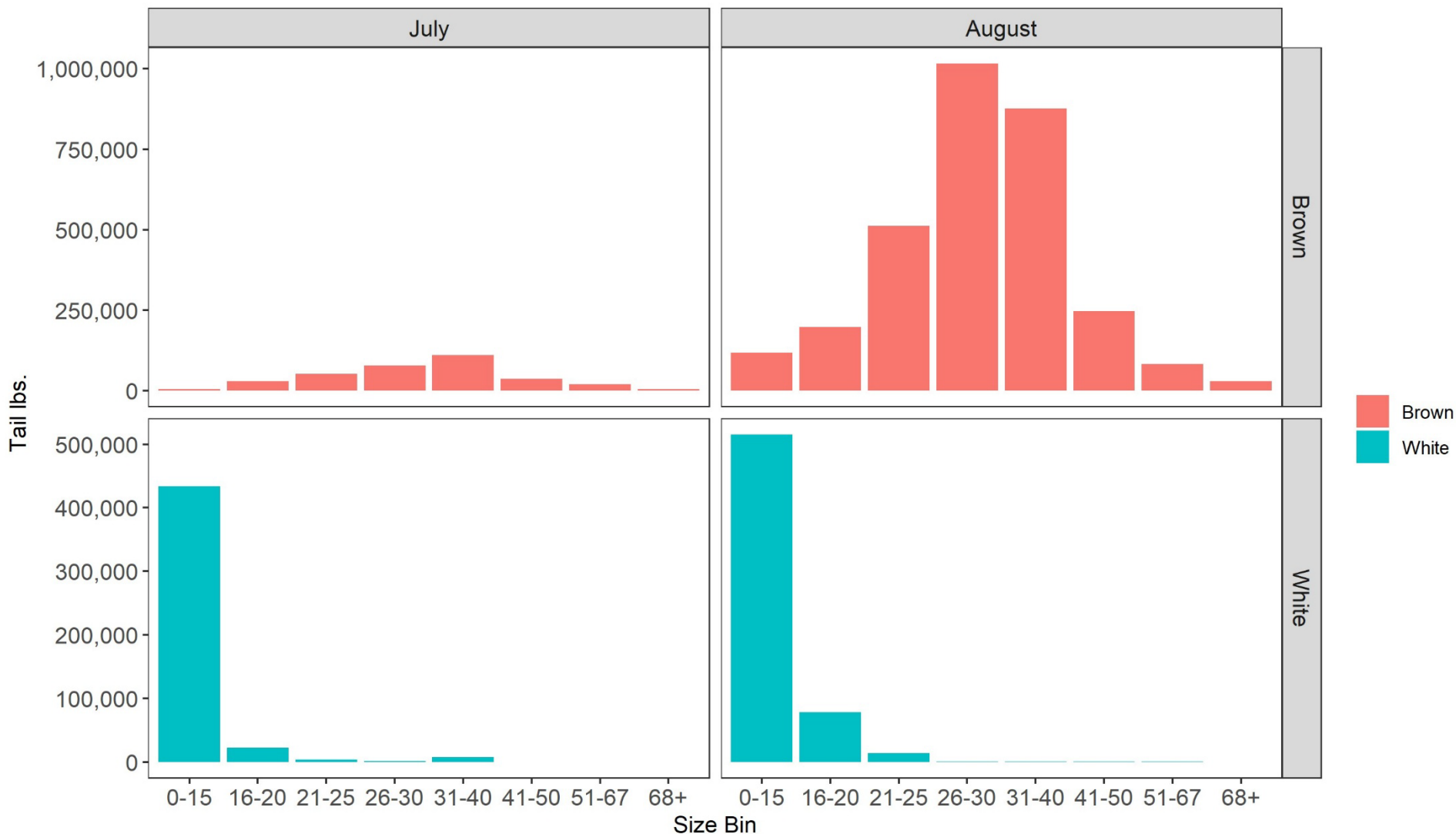
Offshore TX Brown Shrimp catch for July and August, 2016-2025

TX Offshore White Shrimp



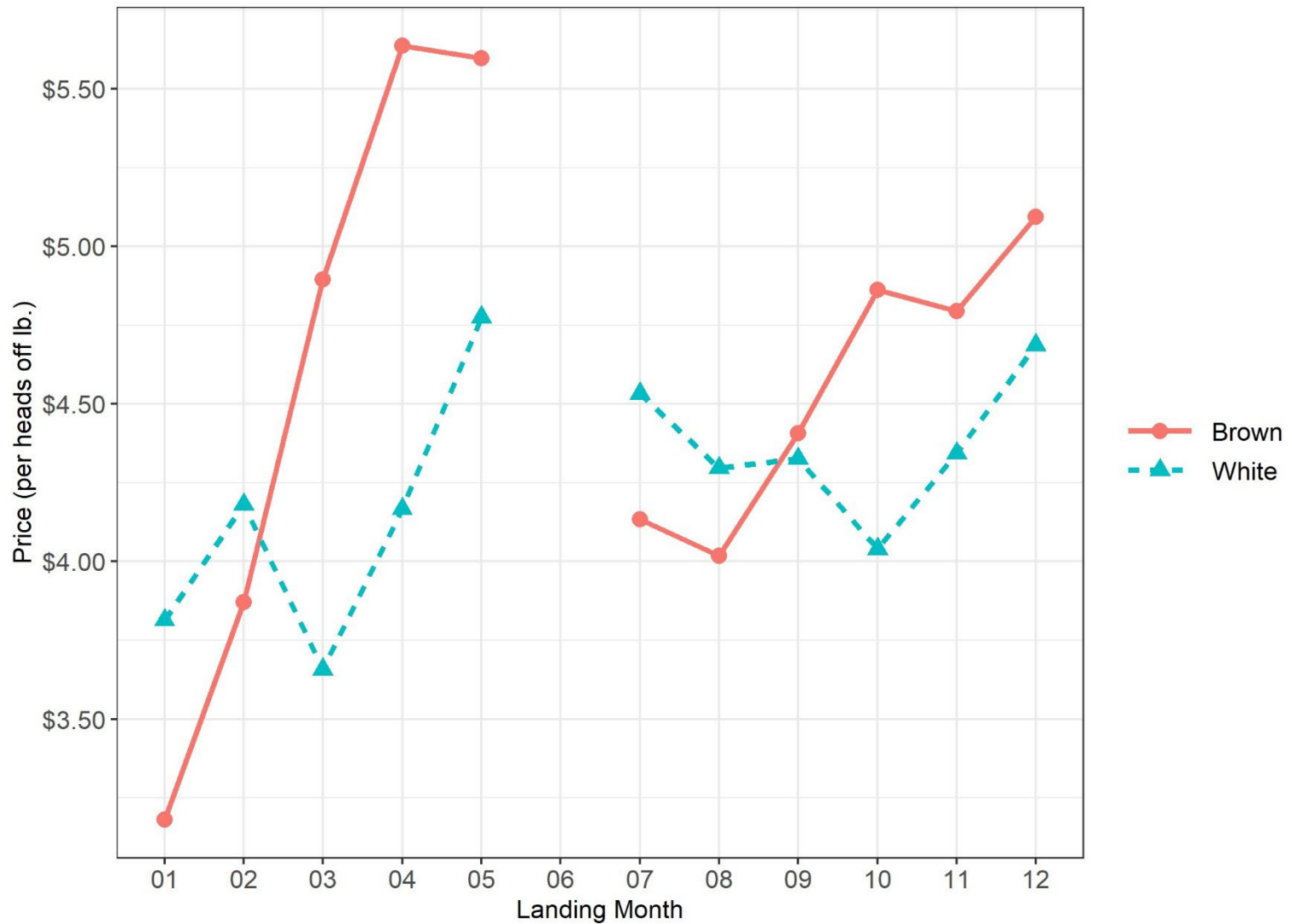
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TX Offshore 2025



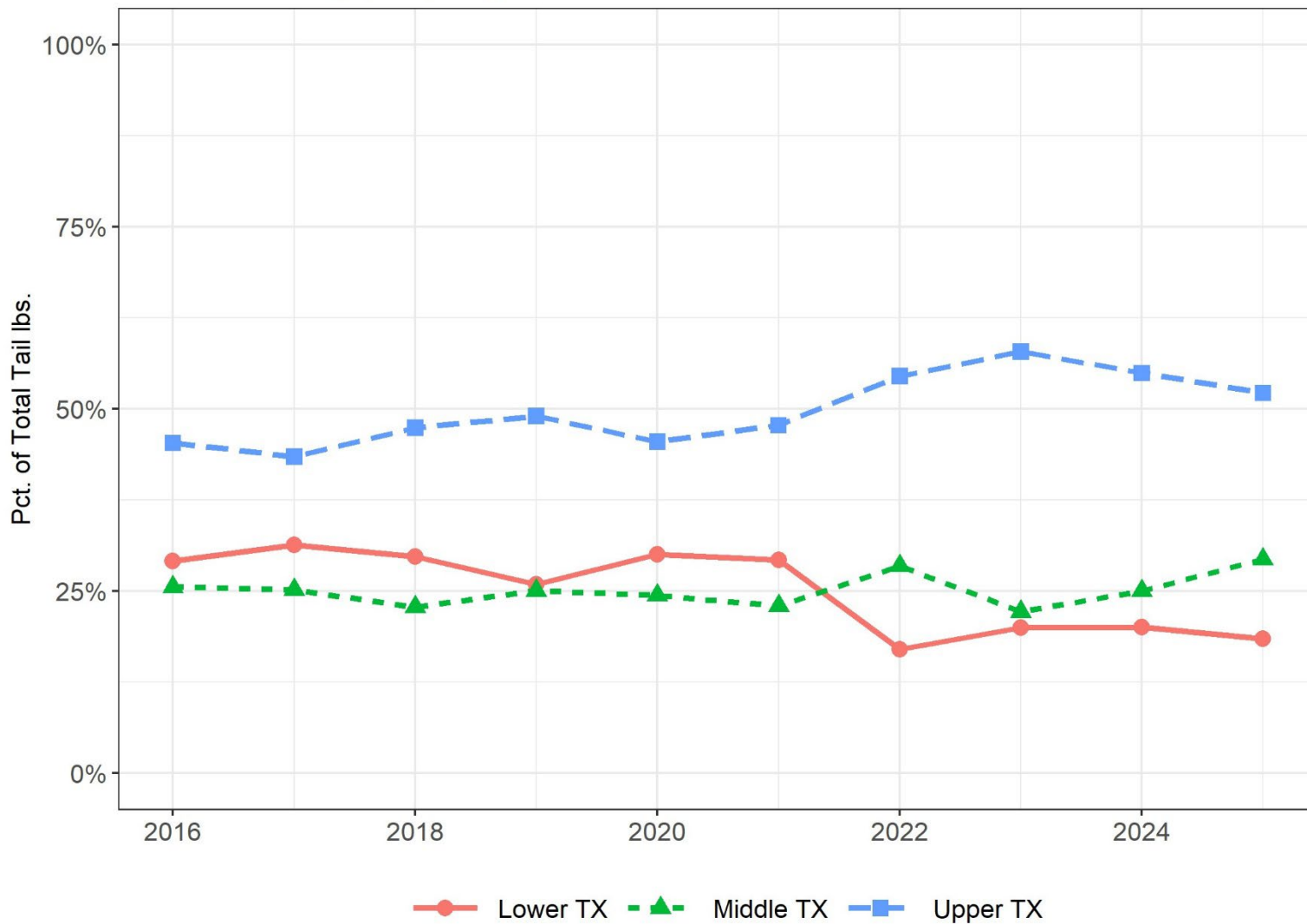
Monthly offshore TX Brown and White Shrimp catch for July – August, 2025

TX Offshore 2025



Texas shrimp prices by month, 2025

Total TX Landings, May-Aug



Proportion of Texas shrimp landings by region (upper, middle and lower), May-August

Thank you