

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

Agenda Item IV: July 2026 SSC Meeting Summary

Timeline Status: Information and Feedback

Council input and next steps: The SSC Chair will provide an overview of the July SSC meeting summary specific to estimation of shrimp trawl bycatch methodology for finfish and its application to red snapper and gray triggerfish bycatch estimation procedures. The SSC passed motions finding the methodology for estimating red snapper bycatch in the Gulf to be acceptable, supporting expanded use of the methodology to include additional finfish species in the observer database, and finding the proxy methodology for estimating gray triggerfish bycatch in the Gulf to be acceptable. The SSC also discussed the Council's request for NMFS to update its analysis for the minimum threshold number of federal Gulf shrimp permits. The Committee should consider the information provided, ask questions, and may consider adopting the SSC's motions for finfish bycatch estimation for red snapper and gray triggerfish for the Gulf shrimp fleet.

Agenda Item V: Status Update on Working Group to Address Interactions and Bycatch of Protected Resources in Shrimp Trawls

Timeline Status: Information

Council input and next steps: Staff will provide a brief status update on the working group to address interactions and bycatch of protected resources in Gulf shrimp trawls. The Committee should consider the information provided and ask any clarifying questions.

Agenda Item VI: 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.
