

Scope of Work
Shrimp Advisory Panel
Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

October 15, 2026

Agenda Item IV: Council Actions in Response to Motions from the December 2024 Shrimp AP Meeting

Council staff will provide an overview of Council actions in response to motions from the March 2026 Shrimp AP meeting; Council staff will review other Council motions, since the last AP meeting, that are relevant to the Gulf shrimp industry. This information does not require any formal AP action.

Agenda Item V: 2024 Gulf Shrimp Fishery Effort Estimation

The AP will be presented with the Gulf shrimp fishery effort estimation for 2024, as well as relative to the shrimp effort threshold for the area of federal waters monitored for juvenile red snapper bycatch (statistical zones 10-21, 10-30 fathoms deep). The AP should consider the information presented and ask questions.

Agenda Item VI: Status of Updated Analyses on Minimum Threshold Number of Federal Gulf Shrimp Permits

Council staff will provide a status update on the Council's motion from its November 2025 meeting, which directed Council staff, with assistance from NMFS staff, to review and provide updated multidisciplinary analyses for the minimum threshold number of federal Gulf shrimp commercial permits from Shrimp Amendment 17B. This information does not require any formal AP action.

Agenda Item VII: Draft Shrimp Amendment 20

Council staff will review the actions and alternatives in draft Shrimp Amendment 20: Status Determination Criteria for the Penaeid Shrimp. The AP should ask questions as well as provide feedback and recommendations to the Council on the draft Purpose and Need statements and range of alternatives. The Council will receive the AP's recommendations along with the draft amendment at its October 2026 meeting.

Agenda Item VIII: Discussion of Draft Review Panel for Federal Gulf Shrimp Permit Pool

Council staff will provide information from Shrimp Amendment 17B, which includes the Council forming a review panel to review the details of a permit pool and other options. The panel will consist of Shrimp AP members, Scientific and Statistical Committee members, NMFS, and Council staff. The AP should ask questions as well as discuss membership and goals

of the review panel. The Council is scheduled to populate the review panel at its October 2026 meeting. We are requesting two volunteers from the Shrimp AP to serve on this panel.

Agenda Item IX: Public Comment

Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak. Directions for providing testimony can be found here: <https://gulfcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/Public-Comment-GoToWebinar-Instructions.pdf>

Agenda Item X: Other Business

Other items may be added during the Adoption of the Agenda.