



## **Joint Shrimp and Deepwater Shrimp AP**

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## **FISHERY DISASTER RELIEF AND ANTI-DUMPING**

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# Dumping and Anti-Dumping Laws

- Dumping refers to imports that are sold in the U.S. at less than a fair value.
- Under the Tariff Act of 1930, U.S. industries may petition the government for relief from dumping.
- The U.S. Department of Commerce determines if dumping is occurring. Investigations into occurrences of dumping are conducted by the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC).

# 2023 American Shrimp Processors Association (ASPA) Petition

- In October 2023, the ASPA submitted a [petition](#) to the International Trade Commission (ITC) for support from imports (specifically from Ecuador, India, Indonesia, and Vietnam) that they believed are undercutting the domestic market.
- In December 2023, the ITC made a preliminary decision that there was “reasonable indication that the domestic industry is materially injured or threatened with injury by imports from the four countries.”<sup>1</sup>.
- Final results of the investigation is expected fall of 2024.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/american-shrimp-processors-association-applauds-affirmative-preliminary-vote-on-new-trade-petitions-supports-new-senate-bill-to-redistribute-tariff-revenue-to-affected-communities-302010294.html>

# NOAA Seafood Import Monitoring Program (SIMP)

- Established **reporting** and **record keeping requirements** for imports of 13 species (shrimp included December 31, 2018) to combat the following from entering U.S. commerce:
  - **Illegal imports**
  - **Unreported**
  - **Unregulated-caught and/or misrepresented seafood**
- NOAA uses the **International Trade Data System** to trace these species back to the point of harvest or production and verify whether they were lawfully harvested or produced.

[NOAA SIMP website](#)



# State Action: Disaster Declaration

SAFMC December 2023 Meeting: In response to requests for a fishery disaster declaration for the shrimp fishery the states within the region noted the following:

**FLORIDA:** At the December 2023 meeting it was noted that Florida was working on a letter that is expected to be signed by all Gulf states.

March 2024: Letter has not yet been sent.

**GEORGIA:** Not requesting disaster declaration for the shrimp fishery but instead wrote a letter focusing on shrimp imports.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** The South Carolina Shrimpers Association is active and discussing this issue.

March 2024: SC is currently seeking disaster funds and requesting proposals for infrastructure projects.

**NORTH CAROLINA:** Still determining whether a request will be made.



# How can the Council help?

- The Council *cannot* submit a petition for anti-dumping.
- The Council can support the states' actions to request disaster relief.
- Is there anything else the APs think the Council could do to support Southern U.S. shrimpers?