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To whom It may concern,
I would like to support the preferred alternative to amend. 9. I think this would be a valuable tool for our states to better manage our resource. The current method of requesting the closures has really helped but it takes too long and a lot of small shrimp are killed in federal waters by members of our industry that don;t think about tomorrow much less what these shrimp could be worth in the spring if they were saved and survived the winter. By adding this amendment our state DNR can take action to save these shrimp. Even if all of them don"t survive some will and this would be valuable in helping us to have a better crop in the fall.
I have confidence in our staff at South Carolina DNR using this tool to help the industry not to hurt it like I have heard other fisherman state. I have been shrimping for 40 years and the industry has a good working relationship with our staff at DNR at this time.

Thank you
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