

OVERVIEW

Shrimp Committee

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The Committee will: (A) receive a presentation on the ESA listing of Atlantic sturgeon and the Biological Opinion of the South Atlantic shrimp fishery; (B) review the Shrimp and Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panel report; (C) review the Shrimp Review Panel Report; and (D) review the actions and alternatives in Shrimp Amendment 9.

A. ESA Listing of Atlantic Sturgeon and South Atlantic Shrimp Fishery Biological Opinion (Attachments 1a-1d)

The Committee will receive a presentation from SERO Protected Resources Division Staff on the elevated ESA listing of Atlantic sturgeon Distinct Population Segments. The Committee will also receive an update on the Biological Opinion for the South Atlantic shrimp fishery. NMFS published a Final Rule in the Federal Register on February 6th, 2012 listing the South Atlantic and Carolina Distinct Population Segments of Atlantic sturgeon as endangered under the ESA.

B. Joint Shrimp and Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panel Report (Attachment 2a)

The Committee will review the remaining recommendations contained in the joint Shrimp and Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panel report. (The recommendations pertaining to Coral Habitat Areas of Particular Concern will be reviewed during the Ecosystem-Based Management Committee.) The joint Shrimp AP meeting was held in Charleston in April 20th, 2012.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Provide guidance to staff as necessary.

C. Shrimp Review Panel Report (Attachment 3)

Council staff will review the recommendations from the Shrimp Review Panel. The panel met via webinar on May 2nd, 2012 to discuss status determination criteria for the South Atlantic pink shrimp stock.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Provide guidance to staff as appropriate.

D. Shrimp Amendment 9 (Attachments 4&5)

Council staff will review the measures in the Shrimp Amendment 9 Decision Document (**Attachment 5**).

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Provide guidance to staff as appropriate. The Committee will select preferred alternatives and approve Shrimp Amendment 9 for public hearings.