

## **Shrimp Amendment 17A**

### **Summary of Written Comments**

January 22, 2016

- Have permits, but would like to see the moratorium expire.
- Cost of gear alone creates “limited entry” – there should be no further regulations imposed on the shrimp fishery.
- Extend the moratorium for another ten years:
  - there are enough boats in the Gulf
  - current and anticipated market situation deem it appropriate
  - have earned the right to have the moratorium to be kept in place and extended – there is enough competition as it is
- Extend the moratorium for five years.
- There should be more permits available for shrimp vessels – the industry cannot grow without the availability of permits.
- Support extending the moratorium but also implementation of a VMS requirement.
- If royal reds are overfished an endorsement is warranted.