

Shrimp Amendment 17

■ Purpose

- Prevent overcapacity
- Promote economic efficiency and stability
- Protect federally managed Gulf shrimp stocks
- Determine if the royal red shrimp endorsement is still necessary

■ Need

- Maintain increases in catch efficiency while preventing overfishing
- To obtain best available information to manage the fishery

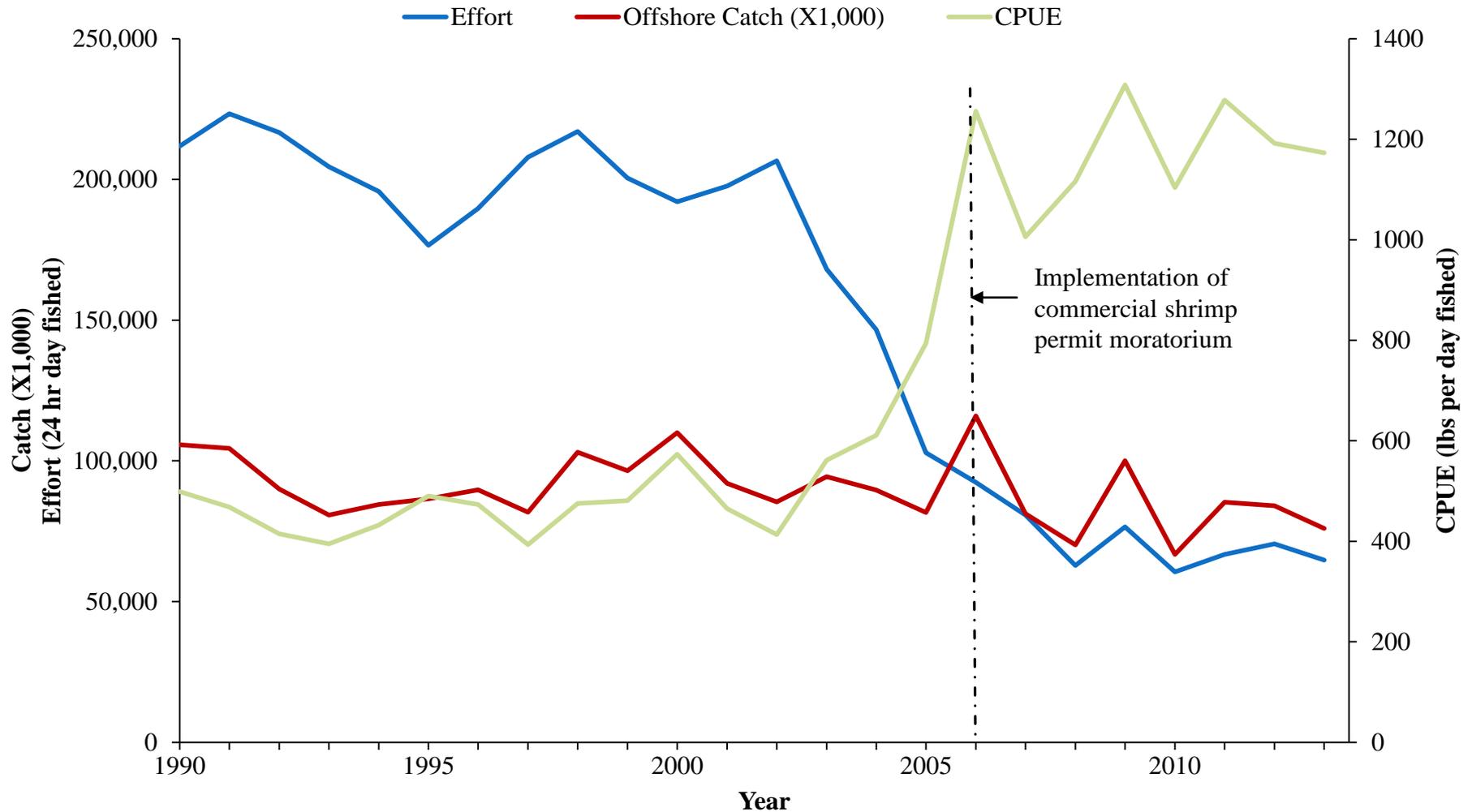
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- Action 1- Addresses the expiration of the Federal Shrimp Permit Moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico
 - Alternative 1- No Action.
 - Alternative 2- Extends the permit moratorium for either 5 or 10 years
 - Alternative 3- Makes the moratorium “permanent” thereby creating a limited access permit for shrimp

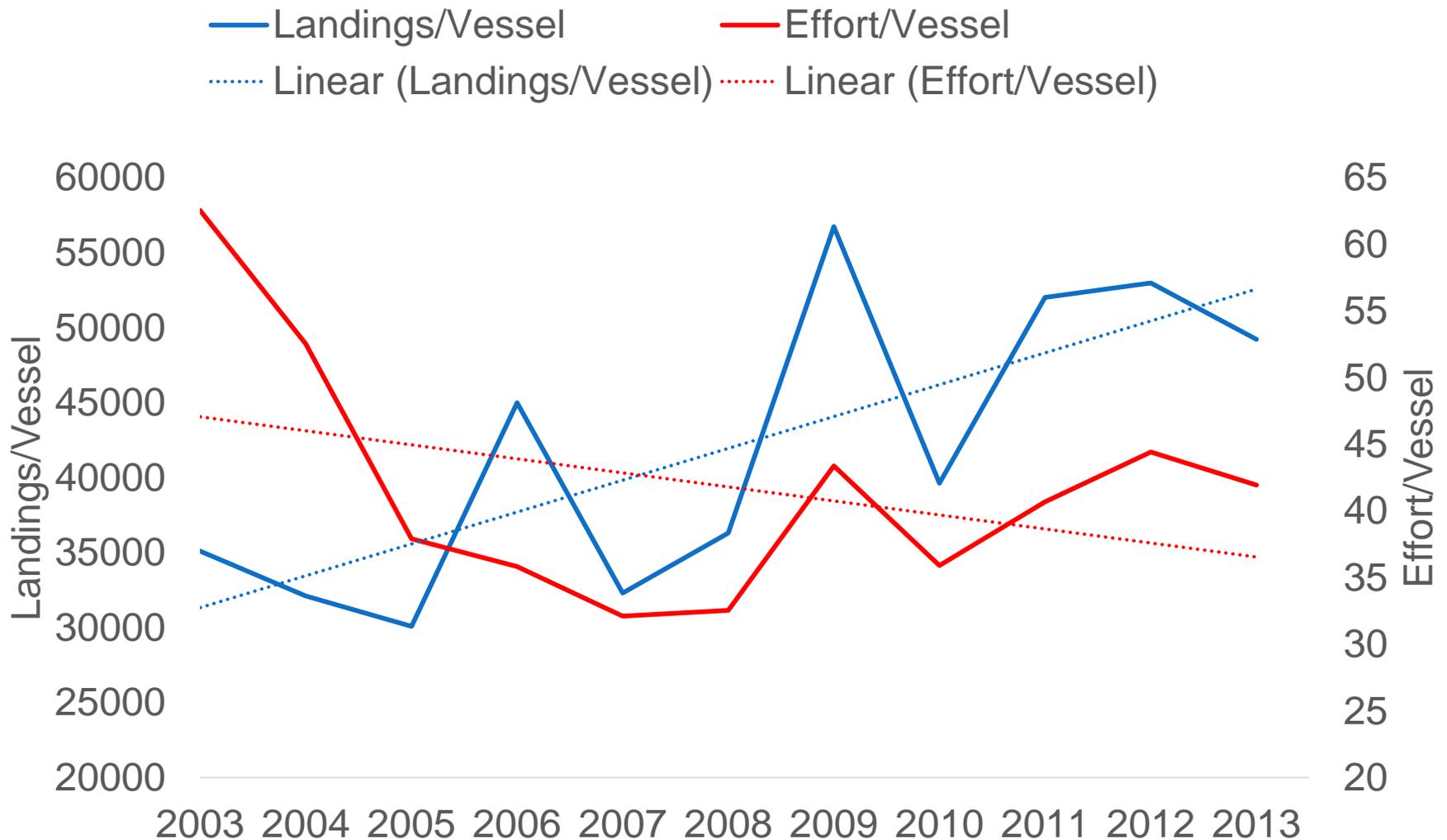
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Year	Number of Valid Permits Each Year	Number of Surrendered Permits Each Year	Number of Permits Terminated Each Year*	Cumulative Number of Permits Lost from the Fishery
2007	1,933	0	NA	NA
2008	1,907	0	26	26
2009	1,722	1	184	211
2010	1,633	1	88	300
2011	1,582	0	51	351
2012	1,534	0	48	399
2013	1,501	0	33	432
2014	1,470	0	31	463

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- Action 2- Encompasses two actions about the disposition of non-renewed permits
 - Action 2.1- Sets a target and creates a permit pool
 - Action 2.2- Establishes eligibility for a permit pool permit
 - Both Actions are valid only if Alternative 2 or 3 is selected in Action 1.

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- Action 2.1- Sets a Permit Target and Creates a Gulf Shrimp Vessel Permit Reserve Pool
 - Alternative 1- No Action. No reserve pool is created
 - Alternative 2- Number of permits necessary to attain aggregate MSY (number TBD)
 - Alternative 3- Number of permits based on the beginning of the moratorium (1,933 permits)
 - Alternative 4- Number of permits based on the number at the end of 2014 (1,470 permits)
 - Alternative 5- Number of permits based on the number at the end of the moratorium (number TBD)
 - Alternative 6- Number of permits based on effort needed to maintain gains in CPUE (number TBD)
 - Alternative 7- Number of permits based on the number of active permitted vessels when landings were highest during the moratorium in the area monitored for red snapper juvenile mortality (number TBD)

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■ Considerations

- The most recent biological opinion for the shrimp fishery based effort on the 2009 season; exceeding this could result in additional bycatch reduction requirements
- Increases in effort in certain statistical zones could result in closures if juvenile red snapper bycatch mortality increases
- 3 alternatives are date based
- 3 alternatives are management marker based
- All analyses were based on offshore fishery

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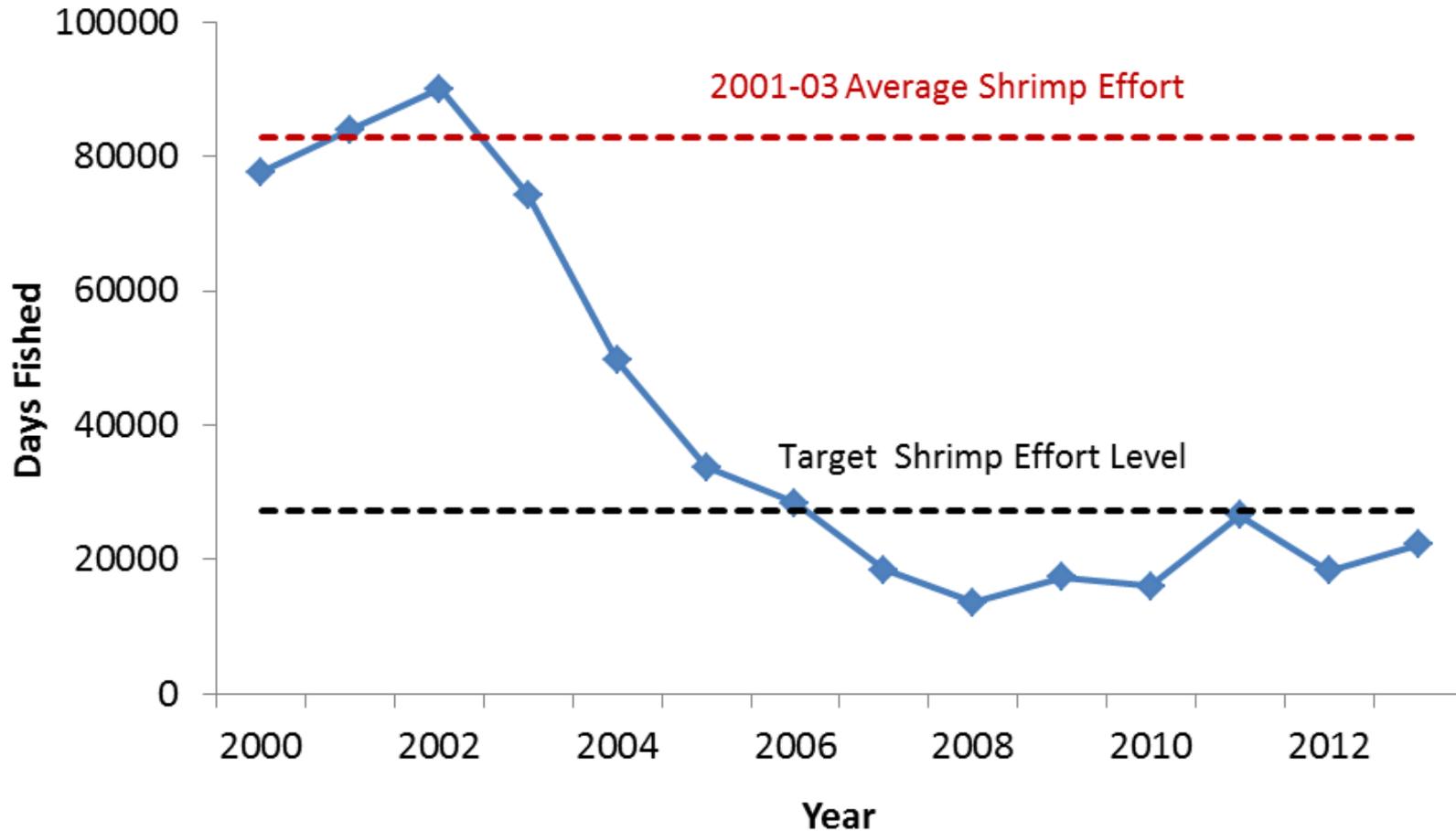


Figure 2.2.1. Offshore Gulf shrimp effort in Statistical Zones 10-21, 10-30 fathoms relative to target effort levels to reduce red snapper juvenile mortality.

Source: SEFSC, Galveston.



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- Action 2-2- Eligibility for a reserve permit
 - Alternative 1- no additional requirements
 - Alternative 2- Reserve permits available once/ year
 - first come, first served
 - possible conditions on eligibility (U.S. Citizen or business, vessel length, USCG certification)
 - Alternative 3- Similar to alternative 2 except eligible applicants selected by lottery
- This Action is dependent on the outcome of Action 2.1*

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- Action 2-2
 - Alternative 1 regular application permit process
 - Alternative 2- further restricts eligibility based on criteria
 - only releases permits once per year
 - Alternative 3- restricts eligibility
 - once per year by lottery
 - Alternatives 2 and 3 - only in effect if number of permits falls below target
 - The Council may wish to consider other options such as previous shrimp landings (from state permitted vessels), new entrants or time limit since last shrimp permit was issued, etc

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	Method 1			
Vessel Length	< 60 ft	≥ 60 ft		
Proportion of Vessels	24.3%	75.7%		
	Method 2			
Vessel Length	<25 ft	25 - <50 ft	50 - <75 ft	≥75 ft
Proportion of Vessels	2.8%	13.6%	42.8%	40.8%



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- Action 3- Royal Red Endorsement
 - Alternative 1- continues to require the royal red shrimp endorsement
 - Alternative 2- eliminates the royal red shrimp endorsement
 - Alternative 3- requires previous landings of royal red shrimp to maintain endorsement

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■ Endorsement

- Created to help data collection for the royal red shrimp fishery

Year	Number of Royal Red Shrimp Endorsements	Number of Unique Vessels Actively Landing Royal Red Shrimp
2003		17
2004		17
2005		12
2006		6
2007	369	8
2008	388	8
2009	339	6
2010	325	7
2011	331	8
2012	351	7
2013	332	15
2014	323	7