

Shrimp Committee Report
June 20, 2016
Leann Bosarge, Chair

Overview of Modifications to the Bycatch Reduction Device (BRD) Testing Manual

Dr. Branstetter informed the Committee of how the testing manual has changed by removing some unnecessary forms and some updates to the manual to remove obsolete instructions. The Committee did not suggest any changes to what was proposed.

Options Paper for Shrimp Amendment 17B

Dr. Barbieri provided the summary of the SSC comments on the Shrimp Aggregate MSY/OY Working Group; the SSC accepted the estimates and agreed with the methodological approach for both aggregate MSY and aggregate OY. The SSC had no major concerns about any of the actions or alternatives presented in Shrimp Amendment 17B. The SSC has not conducted a risk assessment for the threshold permit values in Action 3 relative to the turtle related constraints in the shrimp fishery.

The Committee reviewed the actions and alternatives presented in Amendment 17B. It was requested that the management metrics relative to TEDs be highlighted in the history of management. The Committee discussed the eligibility requirements for a Gulf Shrimp Reserve Pool Permit. Removing the eligibility requirements from the document for discussion at a later date was discussed, but the Committee decided that as long as there were thresholds in the document in Action 3 that would immediately initiate a permit pool, the eligibility requirements needed to stay in the document. There was discussion on what the appropriate length would be for Action 5, option c. The Committee decided that a minimum vessel length requirement was not a requirement it would like to pursue, but instead determined a USCG dockside safety inspection for fishing activity beyond 3 miles would be a more appropriate requirement.

**The Committee recommends, and I so move, in Action 5, to eliminate Option c.
Option c - assign the permit to a vessel that is of at least X length on the application**

Motion carried with no opposition.

For Action 5, option e, staff needs some feedback to determine if the landings requirement is intended to be an annual requirement or if it is a one-time requirement for a Reserve Pool Permit renewal. The Committee discussed that as it moves forward with Action 3, it would drive discussion and decisions on this item.

This concludes my report.