Sustainable Fisheries
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Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Supply Chain Roundtable Statement of Work: 2020-2021

SFP convenes members of the supply chain in a pre-competitive roundtable and then provide support and guidance in generating activities that promote sustainable management of the fisheries. This Statement of Work lists the actions the Supply Chain Roundtable has agreed to undertake and how SFP will provide support for those activities.

Supply Chain Roundtable Action	SFP Support
Action 1: Publish TED Effectiveness Data	
-Conduct informal outreach (e.g. email) to NOAA requesting continued publication of TED compliance and effectiveness data. -Designate an SR point person to lead this communication with NOAA.	-Provide advice to SR point person for content of initial communication and responses. -Disseminate resulting information to the full SR.
Action 2: Advocate for a Harvest Control Rule	
-Brief members of the Gulf Council's Shrimp Advisory Panel on the need for a harvest control rule. -Send a letter to the Gulf Council, requesting that the ABC Control Rule Working Group include the shrimp fishery in their upcoming discussions.	-Provide actionable advice on participation in the fishery management rule-making process. -Provide background information and suggested text for communications. -Disseminate resulting information to the full SR.
Action 3: Observer Data Verification	
-Fund further comparison of electronic logbook and observer program shrimp catch per unit effort data (e.g. a year to year comparison) to improve the verification of accuracy.	-Facilitate discussions with the observer program staff to ensure their ability to share higher resolution observer program data. -Request a proposal from LGL Ecological Research Associates. -Coordinate financial support from the SR participants. -Facilitate/implement the project and ensure that robust results are obtained in a timely manner. -Disseminate resulting information.
Action 4: Support Full Bycatch Characterization Project	
-Provide logistical support in the form of freezer space and transportation of bycatch samples.	-Facilitate connections with the project coordinators.