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MEMORANDUM

to: Persons Interested in SEAMAP Surveys

from: Ted Switzer
SEAMAP Chairman

subject: 2026 SEAMAP Shrimp/Groundfish Survey
Weekly Data Summary No. 2

Attached is the second preliminary data summary for the 2026 SEAMAP Summer Shrimp/Groundfish Survey in the northern Gulf of America. This week's summary includes sampling conducted by NMFS aboard the R/V Oregon II from June 8-15, Florida aboard the R/V Tommy Munro from June 1-11, and Louisiana aboard the R/V Pelican from June 8-12. Catch data were collected using a 40-ft trawl.

Plotted catch rates have been standardized to pounds per hour for a 40-ft trawl. Shrimp counts are reported as heads-on counts. The grid squares shown on the charts represent 10-minute latitude-longitude grids. The value displayed within each grid square is the average catch rate or count from all stations sampled within that grid, which may include one or more sampling stations. Sampling stations were selected randomly within depth strata.

Catch data indicated that the highest catch rate of brown shrimp was 126.6 lb/hr at a depth of 10 fm, located at 28°34' N latitude and 91°18' W longitude. The highest catch rate of white shrimp was 67.9 lb/hr at a depth of 10 fm, located at 29°18' N latitude and 92°49' W longitude. The highest catch rate of pink shrimp was 46.5 lb/hr at a depth of 16 fm, located at 25°59' N latitude and 82°28' W longitude. The maximum combined catch rate for all three shrimp species was 2,082 lb/hr at a depth of 26 fm, located at 25°56' N latitude and 83°02' W longitude.

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We anticipate emailing updated data from the SEAMAP survey on Tuesdays this summer. In addition to the mailing, the plots of pink, white, and brown shrimp, station locations, and total catches will be available on the SEAMAP home page at: <https://www.gsmfc.org/seamap-rt.php>. If you would like these reports emailed to you, please contact Jeff Rester (228) 875-5912 or jrester@gsmfc.org to be placed on the email list.

We welcome your comments and suggestions on the enclosed data summaries. Specific questions about the sampling design or catch data should be referred to Dr. Frank Hernandez of the NMFS Mississippi Laboratories (228) 549-1691.

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