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Dear Permit Holder:

Pursuant to the requirements of 50 CFR 622.5(a)(1)(iii)(C) and (D), owners of a vessel for which a federal commercial vessel permit for Gulf of Mexico shrimp has been issued, must annually report the permitted vessel's gear characterization and total annual landings and value of shrimp, by species.

Through this form, NMFS is collecting information from all federally permitted shrimp vessel owners/operators on fishing vessel and gear characteristics in the Gulf of Mexico Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) shrimp fishery. The data collected are currently being analyzed by NMFS economists, gear specialists, and fishery biologists to improve fishery management decision-making in this fishery. This information is vital in assessing the economic, social, and environmental effects of fishery management decisions and regulations on individual shrimp fishing enterprises, fishing communities, and the nation as a whole.

Enclosed are a postage paid business reply return envelope for your convenience and two form packets: the "Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Federal Permit Reporting Form" for total landings for fishing year 2016; and the "Gulf Shrimp Vessel & Gear Characterization Form" for gear information for fishing year 2016. It is required that both forms be returned to the Galveston Laboratory in order to be eligible to renew your Federal Permit for vessels fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Incomplete or illegible forms will be returned.

Please use the enclosed postage paid envelope and DO NOT affix any additional postage, signature or delivery confirmation, upon this envelope as the US Postal Service will deem the envelope undeliverable and your forms will not be received. If you wish to use any additional US Postal Service delivery confirmation options, please use your own envelope and postage.

If you have questions about filling out or mailing any of these forms, please contact the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeast Fisheries Science Center, Galveston Laboratory, Attn: Rebecca Smith at (409) 766-3783 or rebecca.smith@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

James Nance, Ph.D.
Director

Enclosures



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GULF SHRIMP LANDINGS REPORT

INSTRUCTIONS

Please Note: It is **REQUIRED** that the following form be returned in order to be eligible to renew your **FEDERAL PERMIT FOR HARVESTING SHRIMP IN THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE (EEZ)** of the Gulf of Mexico.

- 1** Attached is the *Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Federal Permit Reporting Form*. The owner of the federal permit listed is required to report all calendar year 2016 Gulf shrimp landings by the permitted vessel.
- 2** Please check that the owner and vessel information at the top of the page is correct. If not, please clearly print the correct information in the white space.
- 3** If the vessel associated with this permit did not land ANY Gulf shrimp in 2016, please check the "Not Shrimping" box, skip the table and sign the form.
- 4** If the vessel landed ANY Gulf shrimp in 2016, please fill in the table. For each species listed, enter the landings either as:
 - a. pounds by condition of head off and/or head on OR
 - b. pounds and/or number of individual bait shrimp AND
 - c. total ex-vessel value of that species.

Count ALL shrimp landed at ports on the Gulf of Mexico (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, west coast of Florida including Keys) regardless of where they were caught (including from bays, bayous, State inshore and offshore waters, or Federal waters (EEZ)).

Missing entries in the table will be interpreted as ZERO landings or value in that category in 2016.

- 5** Sign the Form.

Mail the completed form in the enclosed postage paid Business Reply Envelope to the following address: NOAA Fisheries Galveston Laboratory, Attention: Rebecca Smith, 4700 Avenue U, Galveston, TX 77551. If you have a question regarding the form, please call (409) 766-3783 between 9 am - 5:30 pm CST.

[Please DO NOT add any additional postage, certified mail, return receipt request, etc. to the Business Reply Envelope because the US Postal Service will not deliver it to us.]

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If you have a question regarding the form, please call (409) 766-3783 between 9am - 5:30pm CST.

2016 Gulf Shrimp Landings Report

Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Federal Permit Reporting Form

Permit #:

Permit Holder Name:
State Registration #:

Vessel Name:
USCG Vessel ID:

Please provide any missing or incorrect information in the above heading.

For the vessel listed above, please report the **total shrimp landings in 2016 landed** in ports on the Gulf of Mexico, **regardless where the shrimp were caught** (including from bays, bayous, State inshore and offshore waters, or Federal waters). In the table below, please provide landings by shrimp species and the ex-vessel value of shrimp by species.

Not Shrimping: Check box, if the vessel associated with permit **DID NOT land ANY shrimp** in the Gulf of Mexico in 2016.

Shrimp Species	Head OFF Pounds	Head ON Pounds	Bait by Individual	Bait By Pounds	Total Value (\$)
Brown	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Pink	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
White	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rock	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Seabob	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Royal	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Red	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other Shrimp	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Authorized Signature: _____

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching the existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this burden to Rick Hart, National Marine Fisheries Service, 4700 Ave U, Galveston, Texas 77551. This reporting is required under and is authorized under 50 CFR 622.5(a)(1)(iii). Information submitted will be treated as confidential in accordance with NOAA Administrative Orders. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. The NMFS requires this information for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources.

KNOWINGLY SUPPLYING FALSE INFORMATION IS A VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW PUNISHABLE BY A FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT. All data submitted will be handled as confidential material in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, Protection of Confidential Fishery Statistics.