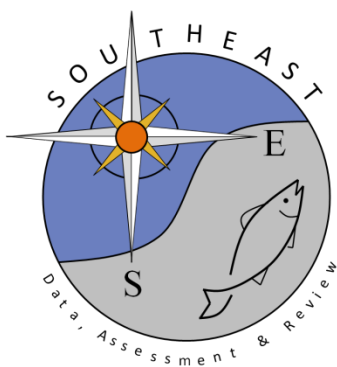


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## Harvest Restrictions (Fishery Closures\*)

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SpeciesAffected	First Yr In Effect	Last Year in Effect	Effective Date	EndDate	Fishery	Closure Type	First Day Closed	Last Day Closed	Region Affected
Penaeid Shrimp	1959	1966	6/1/59	7/15/66	All three	Total	1-Jun	15-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	1967	1967	5/17/67	7/1/67	All three	Total	17-May	1-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	1968	1971	6/1/68	7/15/71	All three	Total	1-Jun	15-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	1972	1972	5/17/72	7/1/72	All three	Total	17-May	1-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	1973	1975	6/1/73	7/15/75	All three	Total	1-Jun	15-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	1976	1976	5/17/76	7/16/76	All three	Total	17-May	16-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	1977	1980	6/1/77	7/15/80	All three	Total	1-Jun	15-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	1981	1981	5/22/81	7/16/81	All three	Total	22-May	16-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	1982	1982	5/25/82	7/14/82	All three	Total	25-May	14-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	1983	1983	5/27/83	7/15/83	All three	Total	27-May	15-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	1984	1984	5/16/84	7/6/84	All three	Total	16-May	6-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	1985	1985	5/20/85	7/8/85	All three	Total	20-May	8-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	1986	1986	5/10/86	7/2/86	All three	Total	10-May	2-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	1987	1989	6/1/87	7/15/89	All three	Total	1-Jun	15-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	1990	1990	5/15/90	7/8/90	All three	Total	15-May	8-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	1991	1993	5/15/91	7/6/93	All three	Total	15-May	6-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	1994	1994	5/13/94	7/7/94	All three	Total	13-May	7-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	1995	1995	5/15/95	7/15/95	All three	Total	15-May	15-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	1996	1996	6/1/96	7/15/96	All three	Total	1-Jun	15-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	1997	1997	5/15/97	7/15/97	All three	Total	15-May	15-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	1998	1998	5/15/98	7/8/98	All three	Total	15-May	8-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	1999	1999	5/15/99	7/15/99	All three	Total	15-May	15-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	2000	2000	5/11/00	7/5/00	All three	Total	11-May	5-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	2001	2001	5/15/01	7/8/01	All three	Total	15-May	8-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	2002	2005	5/15/02	7/15/05	All three	Total	15-May	15-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	2006	2006	5/15/06	7/10/06	All three	Total	15-May	10-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	2007	2012	5/15/07	7/15/12	All three	Total	15-May	15-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	2013	2013	05/23/13	07/15/13	All three	Total	23-May	15-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ
	2014	2022	5/15/14	7/15/22	All three	Total	15-May	15-Jul	Gulf of Mexico EEZ

Notes:

Through 1989 statutory dates for the closed Gulf season were 1 June-15 July. Beginning in 1990 the statutory closed Gulf shrimp season was 15 May-15 July.

2. In 1975 the maximum length of the closed season was increased from 45 to 60 days.

3. Through 1981 the season closing and opening times were 12:01 a.m. Beginning in 1982 the closing season and opening times are 30 minutes after sunset.

4. Regular dates can be altered by the Executive Director using sound biological data.

## Harvest Restrictions (Spatial Restrictions)

Area	First Yr In Effect	Effective Date	End Date	Fishery	First Day Closed	Last Day Closed	Restriction in Area
<b>Texas</b>							
Southern Shrimp Zone S3, 5-9 nautical miles	2000		Ongoing	Shrimp	16-Jul	15-May	Mesh size not less tha 8-3/4 inches over 5 stretched meshes, BRD and TED required
Southern Shrimp Zone S2, 3-5 nautical miles	2000		Ongoing	Shrimp	16-Jul	30-Nov	Mesh size not less tha 8-3/4 inches over 5 stretched meshes, BRD and TED required, fishing hours from 30 min before sunrise to 30 min after sunset
Southern Shrimp Zone S1, inside 3 nautical miles	2000		Ongoing	Shrimp	16-Jul	30-Nov	Mesh size not less tha 8-3/4 inches over 5 stretched meshes, BRD and TED required, fishing hours from 30 min before sunrise to 30 min after sunset, no more than 2 Type I trawls
Northern Shrimp Zone N3, 5-9 nautical miles	2000		Ongoing	Shrimp	16-Jul	15-May	Mesh size not less tha 8-3/4 inches over 5 stretched meshes, BRD and TED required
Northern Shrimp Zone N2, 3-5 nautical miles	2000		Ongoing	Shrimp	16-Feb	15-May	Mesh size not less tha 8-3/4 inches over 5 stretched meshes, BRD and TED required, fishing hours from 30 min before sunrise to 30 min after sunset
Northern Shrimp Zone N2, 3-5 nautical miles	2000		Ongoing	Shrimp	16-Jul	30-Nov	Mesh size not less tha 8-3/4 inches over 5 stretched meshes, BRD and TED required, fishing hours from 30 min before sunrise to 30 min after sunset
Northern Shrimp Zone N1, inside 3 nautical miles	2000		Ongoing	Shrimp	16-Feb	15-May	Mesh size not less tha 8-3/4 inches over 5 stretched meshes, BRD and TED required, fishing hours from 30 min before sunrise to 30 min after sunset, no more than 2 Type I trawls
Northern Shrimp Zone N1, inside 3 nautical miles	2000		Ongoing	Shrimp	16-Jul	30-Nov	Mesh size not less tha 8-3/4 inches over 5 stretched meshes, BRD and TED required, fishing hours from 30 min before sunrise to 30 min after sunset, no more than 2 Type I trawls

## Harvest Restrictions (Gear Restrictions\*)

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Gear Type	First Yr In Effect	Last Yr In Effect	Effective Date	Gear/Harvesting Restrictions	Region Affected	FR Reference	FRSection	Amendment Number or Rule Type
Trawl	1998	Ongoing	5/14/98	Amendment 9 requires, with limited exceptions, the use of certified bycatch reduction devices (BRDs) in shrimp trawls in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in the Gulf of Mexico shoreward of the 100-fathom (fm) (183-m) depth contour west of 85°30' W. long	Western Gulf of Mexico EEZ	62 FR 35774	622	9
Trawl	1999	Ongoing	3/23/99	Any shrimp trawler that is in the Atlantic Area or Gulf Area must have an approved TED installed in each net that is rigged for fishing. A net is rigged for fishing if it is in the water, or if it is shackled, tied, or otherwise connected to any trawl door or board, or to any tow rope, cable, pole or extension, either on board or attached in any manner to the shrimp trawler. Exceptions to the TED requirement for shrimp trawlers are provided in paragraph (d)(2)(ii) of this section.	Gulf of Mexico EEZ	64 FR 14069	223.206	
Trawl	2001	Ongoing	9/1/01	TED required within the Texas Territorial Sea (TTS)	Gulf of Mexico TTS			
Trawl	2005	Ongoing	9/1/05	Moratorium on new commercial boat licenses for the Gulf of Mexico shrimp fishery.	Gulf of Mexico EEZ			

Note:

In 1999, a memorandum of understanding between the U.S. and TPWD law enforcement enabled Texas game wardens to enforce federal TED regulations.