




Thus, our recommendation is to refuse the proposed TAC increase for the Western and Eastern Assessment Zones for both northern and striped shrimp due to insufficient information. We recommend investing resources into research regarding ecosystem impacts, especially impacts on beluga populations of an increased shrimp harvest. This should consider the impacts of both a potential decrease in prey species as well as a potential increase in fishery vessel movements in those areas. Additionally, the stock definitions should be reassessed to provide a more accurate portrait of the fishable biomass trends. Once a thorough review has been conducted, we would be open to revisiting the topic in a new public hearing, equipped with the new reports.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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