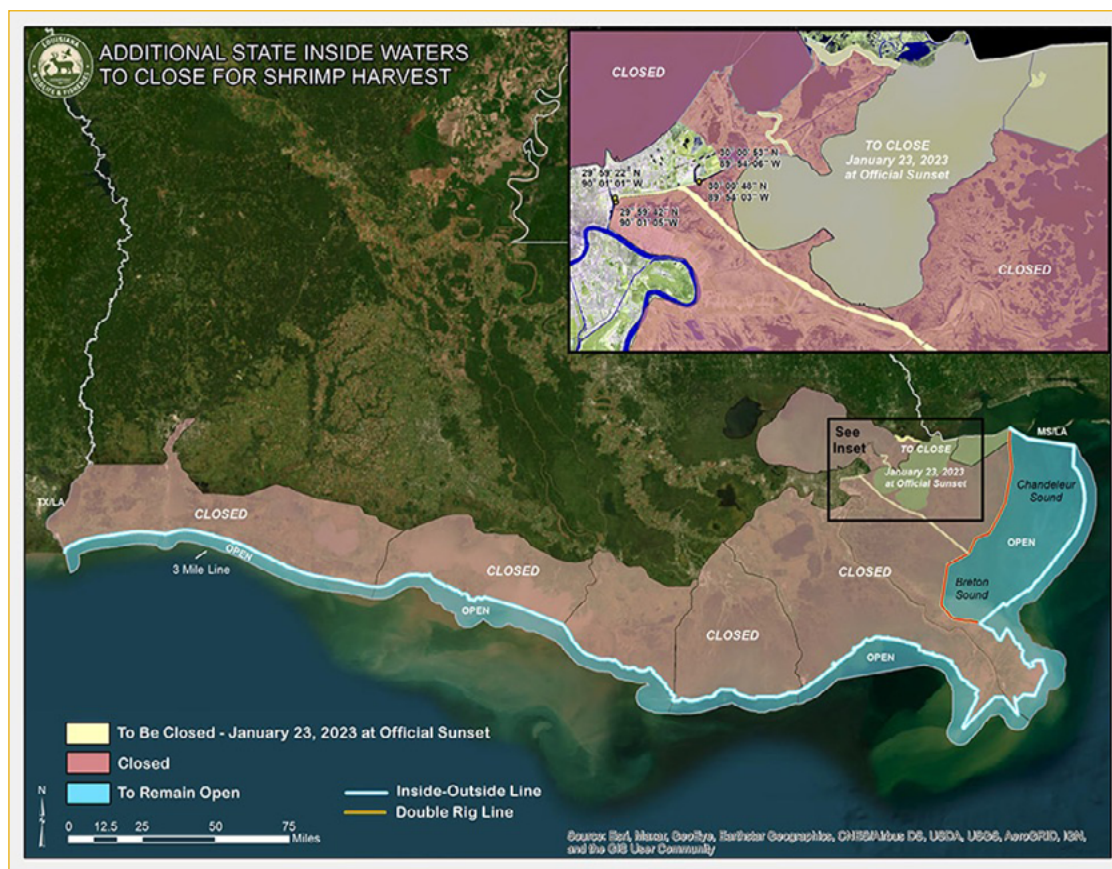




Louisiana Shrimp Season Closed Jan. 23 in Additional State Inshore Waters

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries announced that the 2022 fall inshore shrimp season closed at official sunset on Monday, Jan. 23, in the following portions of the state inside waters:

- Chef Menteur and Rigolets Passes, Lake Borgne, Mississippi Sound, Mississippi River Gulf Outlet (MRGO), and a section of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) in Orleans parish from the GIWW East Closure Sector Gate westward to the GIWW intersection with the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal.



Click [here](https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/shrimp-season) (<https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/shrimp-season>) for a map of the closure area.

The following state inshore waters will remain open to shrimping until further notice:

- The open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sound as bounded by the double-rig line described in R.S. 56:495.1(A)2.

Recent biological sampling conducted by the department indicates a decrease in marketable white shrimp and that the average white shrimp size within these state inshore waters is smaller than the minimum possession count allowed by law. A closure is needed to protect the small white shrimp in these waters and provide an opportunity for growth to larger and more valuable sizes.

R.S. 56:498 provides that the possession count on saltwater white shrimp for each cargo lot shall average no more than 100 (whole specimens) per pound, except from Oct. 15 through the third Monday in December.

The department will continue monitoring the remaining open areas and close them when biologically appropriate. Notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season by the secretary will be made by public notice at least 72 hours before such action.

For more information, contact Peyton Cagle at (337) 491-2575 or pcagle@wlf.la.gov.

NOI to Reduce Cobia Recreational and Commercial Bag Limits

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) adopted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to decrease the current two-fish daily bag limit to one-fish daily per person and establish a two-fish per vessel/per day limit regardless of the number of trips for both recreational and commercial harvest. The size limit will remain 36 inches.

In 2022, NOAA, through the Gulf Council, changed the regulations for cobia in federal Gulf waters. The most recent Southeast Data, Assessment and Review population assessment for Gulf of Mexico migratory group cobia (SEDAR 38 Update), showed the stock was not overfished but was undergoing overfishing. The reduction in annual catch limits is needed to address overfishing. Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed rule to Jason Adriance, Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 or via email to jadriance@wlf.la.gov before noon on April 6, 2023. The full notice of intent can be found here (https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/assets/Resources/Publications/Commission_Action_Items/Cobia-Rec-and-Comm-Bag-Limit-NOI-012023_SF.pdf).

NOI to Remove Buoy Requirements from Freshwater Gill and Trammel Nets

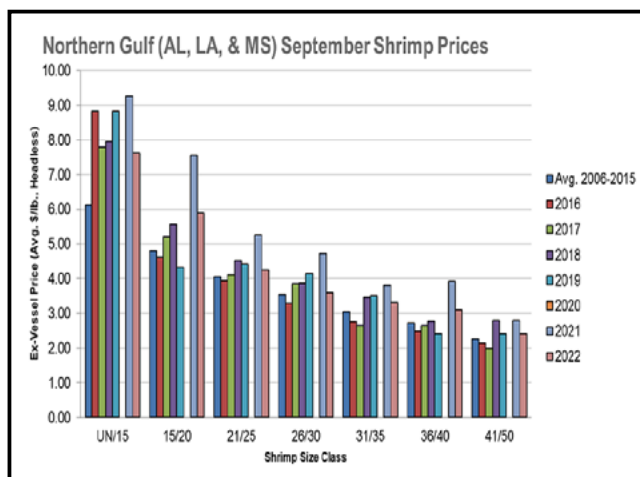
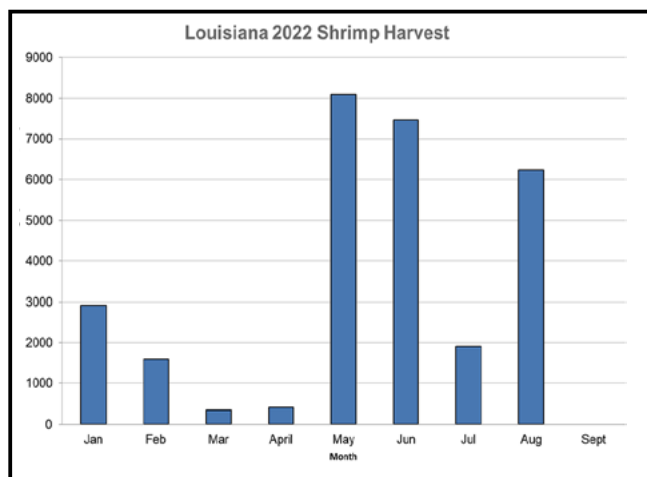
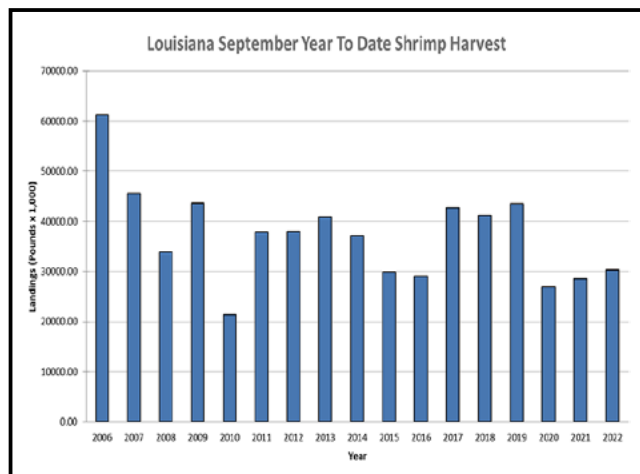
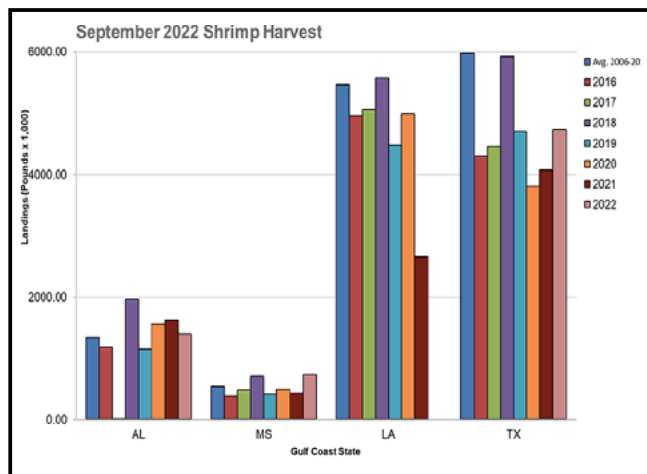
The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission adopted a Notice of Intent (NOI) today to remove the requirement of using international orange buoys to mark gill and trammel nets in fresh water. The buoy requirement language was carried over to freshwater gear from the saltwater marking rule, and is being removed due to industry concerns of theft of fish and gear. The option to use a buoy as a tag on gill and trammel nets will remain, and it is clarified that a properly marked buoy may act as a tag on other passive gear types.

This rule does not impact shad or saltwater gill and trammel net marking rules.

To view the full notice of intent, or to submit written comments relative to the proposed rule, contact Robby Maxwell, Inland Fisheries Technical Advisor DCL-B, Inland Fisheries Section, 1025 Tom Watson Rd., Lake Charles, LA 70615, or via email to: rmaxwell@wlf.la.gov prior to March 1, 2023. Following the public comment period, the Legislative Oversight Committees will have a 30-day period to review the amended rule and a summary of public comment provided by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. If this rule is finalized, the amended regulations will be effective in mid-2023.

Louisiana Shrimp Watch

The Shrimp Watch data is back, but there are some changes to the Monthly Gulf Coast Shrimp Statistics report passed by NOAA Fisheries. Changes were being made to make the report more consistent and reliable. All landing data will be based on trip ticket data provided by Gulf States and no estimations will be made.



Important Dates & Upcoming Events

Feb. 13, 2023: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council – Data Collection Advisory Panel
<https://gulfcouncil.org/press/2023/gulf-council-convenes-its-data-collection-advisory-panel/>

March 1, 2023: Louisiana Fisheries Forward Summit, Kenner, LA

March 15, 2023: Finfish Task Force Meeting, Baton Rouge, LA

March 22, 2023: Shrimp Task Force Meeting, Houma, LA

THE GUMBO POT

SHRIMP COCKTAIL FOR DINNER*

Recipe courtesy of *Louisiana Kitchen & Culture*.

For more recipes or to subscribe to their magazine or free newsletter, please visit <http://louisiana.kitchenandculture.com/>



Ingredients:

A selection of vegetables for the boil:

Small potatoes, broccolini, artichokes, asparagus, cauliflower, etc.

1 pound large peeled and deveined shrimp

4 large eggs

¼ cup salt

2 lemons

1 cup ketchup

2 tablespoons prepared horseradish

1 teaspoon black pepper

½ teaspoon hot chili sauce

Method:

Bring 6 cups water to a boil in a big pot. Pick your boiling vegetables (little potatoes, broccolini, artichokes, asparagus, cauliflower). Cut them down to one- or two-bite pieces. Peel and devein one pound large shrimp, keeping the tails on. Prepare a small bowl of ice water.

Add 4 large eggs to the water and simmer for 7 minutes, then transfer to the ice bath. Add ¼ cup salt to the water and return to a boil. Boil each vegetable in batches until al dente (taste to check). The longest vegetable (the potatoes) can take about 20 minutes, while snap peas take 3 minutes. Transfer with a slotted spoon or tongs to a sheet pan to cool, then repeat with the remaining vegetables.

Boil the shrimp until bright pink, 2 to 4 minutes. Transfer to the sheet pan. If you have room in your fridge, stick the sheet in there to cool everything down.

Cut 2 lemons into wedges. To make the cocktail sauce, in a small bowl, stir together 1 cup ketchup, 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish, 1 teaspoon black pepper, and ½ teaspoon chili sauce (samba! oelek, harissa). Add 2 tablespoons juice from the lemons (save the rest for serving) and season with salt.

Peel and halve the eggs, then add to the sheet pan. Look around for accoutrements that bring crunch, brightness or brininess and would be good dunked in cocktail sauce. You could also add another sauce element, like salsa verde, mustard, or mayo. Then eat everything right from the sheet pan.

*Serves 4

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