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## **Gulf Shrimp Fishery to Re-Open Off Texas on July 15, 2017**

### **WHAT/WHEN:**

NOAA Fisheries announces federal waters from 9 to 200 nautical miles off Texas will open to shrimp trawling at 30 minutes after official sunset, local time, on **July 15, 2017**, corresponding to the time Texas opens its waters to shrimp trawling.

### **WHY THIS IS HAPPENING:**

- The waters off Texas are closed to shrimp fishing annually to allow brown shrimp to reach a larger and more valuable size prior to harvest, and to prevent waste of brown shrimp that might otherwise be discarded because of their small size.
- The fishery closed May 15, 2017.
- The re-opening date for Texas waters is based on the results of biological sampling by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
- In addition, Texas regulations only allow a 60-day closure; the 60 day period expires July 15.

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