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Mississippi Advisory Commission on Marine Resources

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Employment, Contracts and Procurement Updates May 19, 2026

Employment Updates

New Hires:

- Hailey Gray – Started on May 4, 2026 – Customer Service Representative II – Office of Marine Patrol

Promotions:

- Tonnor Segree – Started May 1, 2026 – Law Enforcement Officer II, Corporal – Office of Marine Patrol
- M. Aaron Smith – Started May 1, 2026 – Law Enforcement Officer III, Staff Sergeant – Office of Marine Patrol
- □ □ Eric Gigli – Started May 16, 2026 – Finfish Bureau Director – Office of Marine Fisheries

Interns:

They will start on June 1st and be part of the Coastal and Marine Resources Rotational Program. It includes the offices at GBNERR, Marine Fisheries, Coastal Resources Management and the Lyman Hatchery.

- Alexis Gentry
- Patrick Moore
- Mayah Peterson
- Kaylee Radich
- Wyatt Richardson
- Bailee Schmitt

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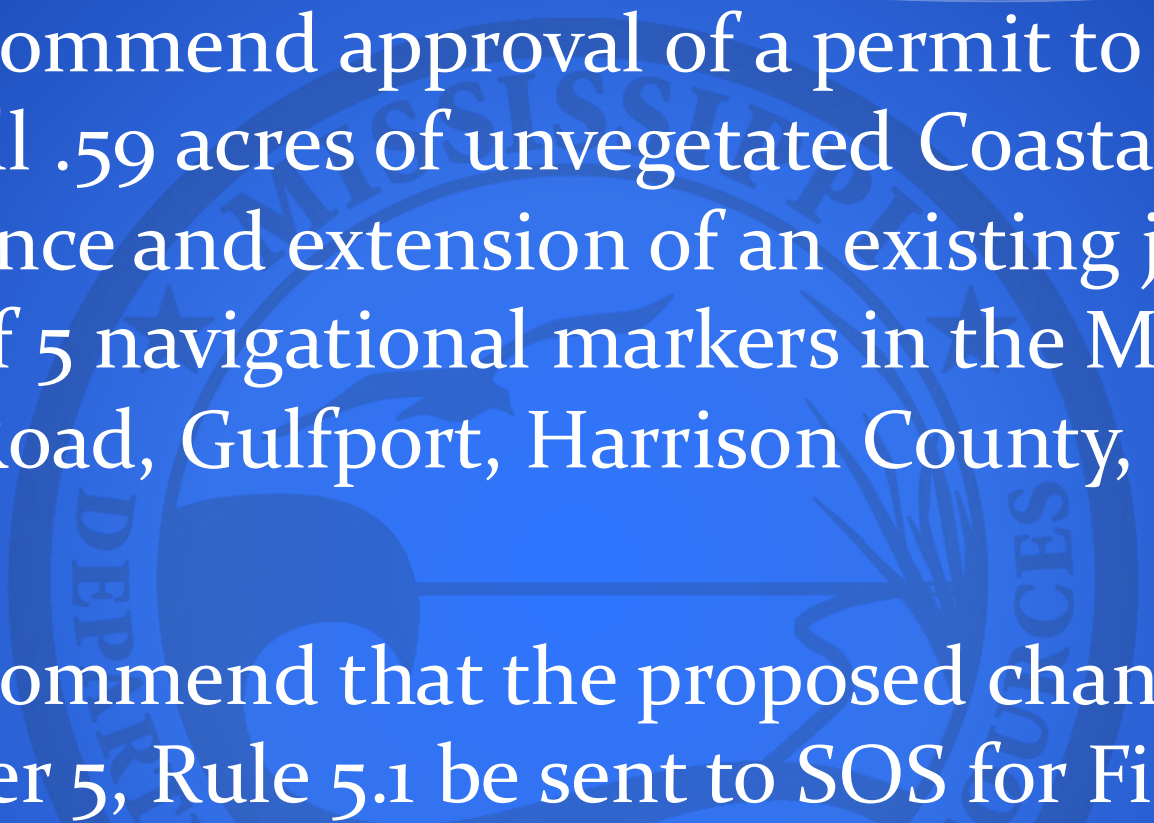
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Actions Update for the May 19, 2026 Commission Meeting

Discussed at the April 2026 meeting:

The Commission recommended and the Director approved:

- Motion to recommend approval for a permit to MDMR Coastal Resources Management to permanently fill 277 acres of unvegetated Coastal Wetlands for the protection, restoration and expansion of Round Island in the MS Sound, offshore of Pascagoula, Jackson County, MS.

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- The seal of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is faintly visible in the background. It features a circular design with a fish, a bird, and a plant, surrounded by the text "MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES".
- Motion to recommend approval of a permit to the City of Gulfport to fill .59 acres of unvegetated Coastal Wetlands for the maintenance and extension of an existing jetty and installation of 5 navigational markers in the MS Sound near Courthouse Road, Gulfport, Harrison County, MS.
 - Motion to recommend that the proposed changes to Title 22, Part 3, Chapter 5, Rule 5.1 be sent to SOS for Final Adoption.

- State Saltwater Finfish Records

- a. Conventional Tackle:

- 1. Common Snook (*Centropomus undecimalis*) – 5 lbs.

- 6.40 oz. – Matthew Mitchell

- 2. Yellowfin Tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) - 237 lbs. 12.80 oz. -

- Josh Lord

- b. Youth Conventional Tackle:

- 1. African Pompano (*Alectis ciliaris*) – 35 lbs. 10.40 oz. –

- George Bamban

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Shuckers Education Day



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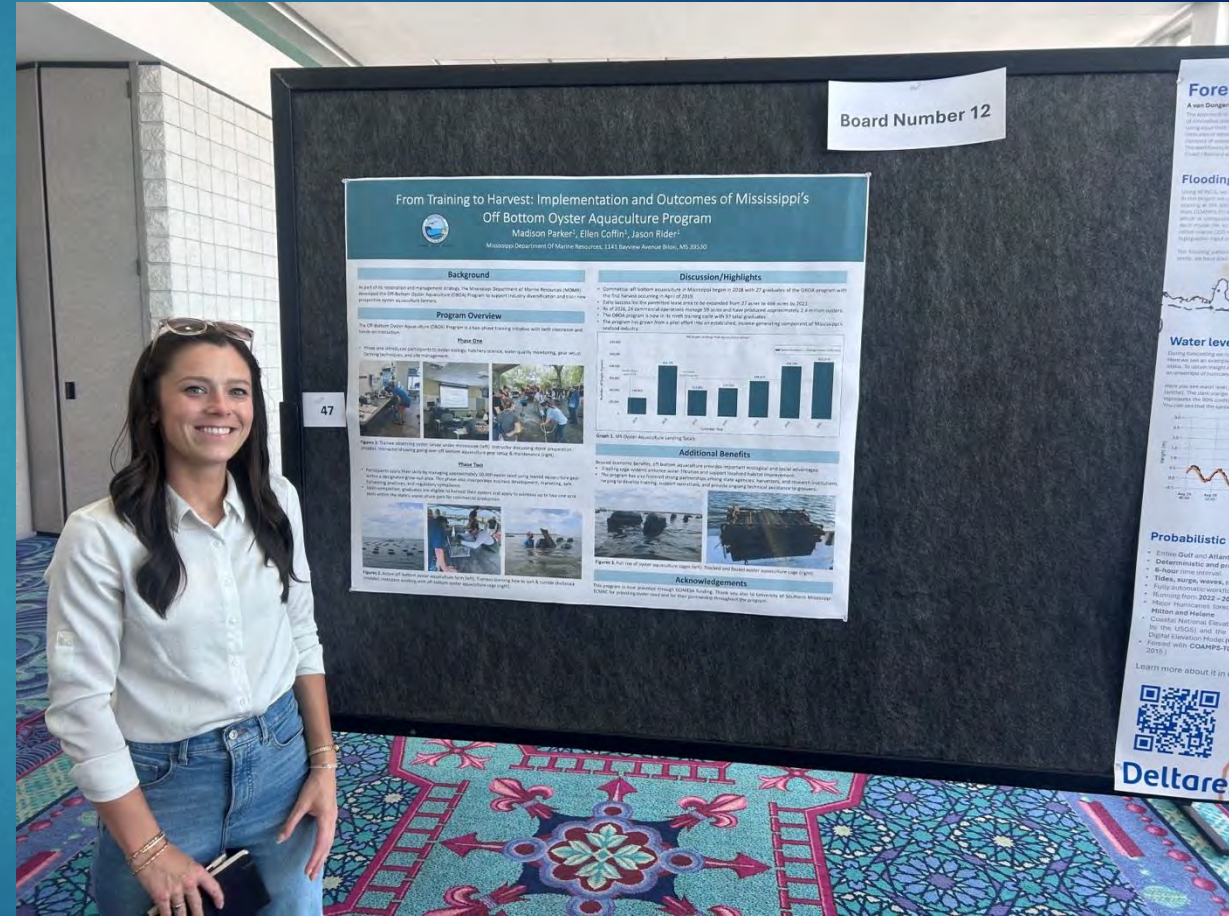
Earth Day with CTA



Arbor Day at Camp Shelby



GulfCon in Mobile



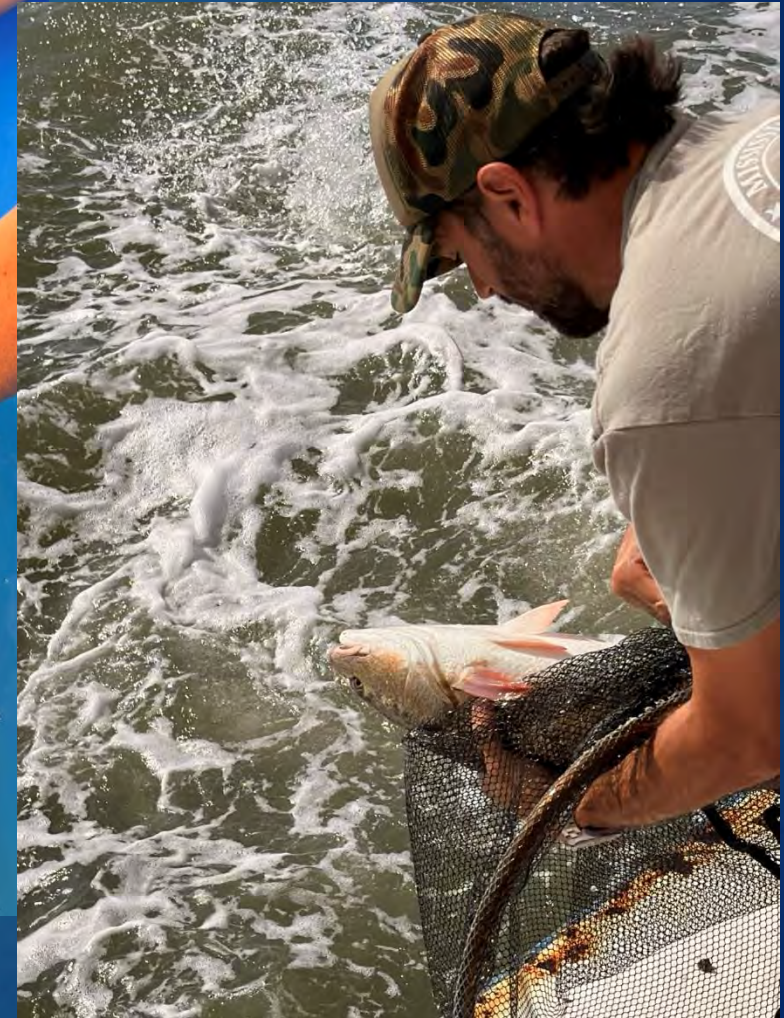
USDA Loss Adjuster Meeting



Gulf Coast Wooden and Classic Boat Show



Redfish World Championship



2026 Mississippi Seafood Cook-off





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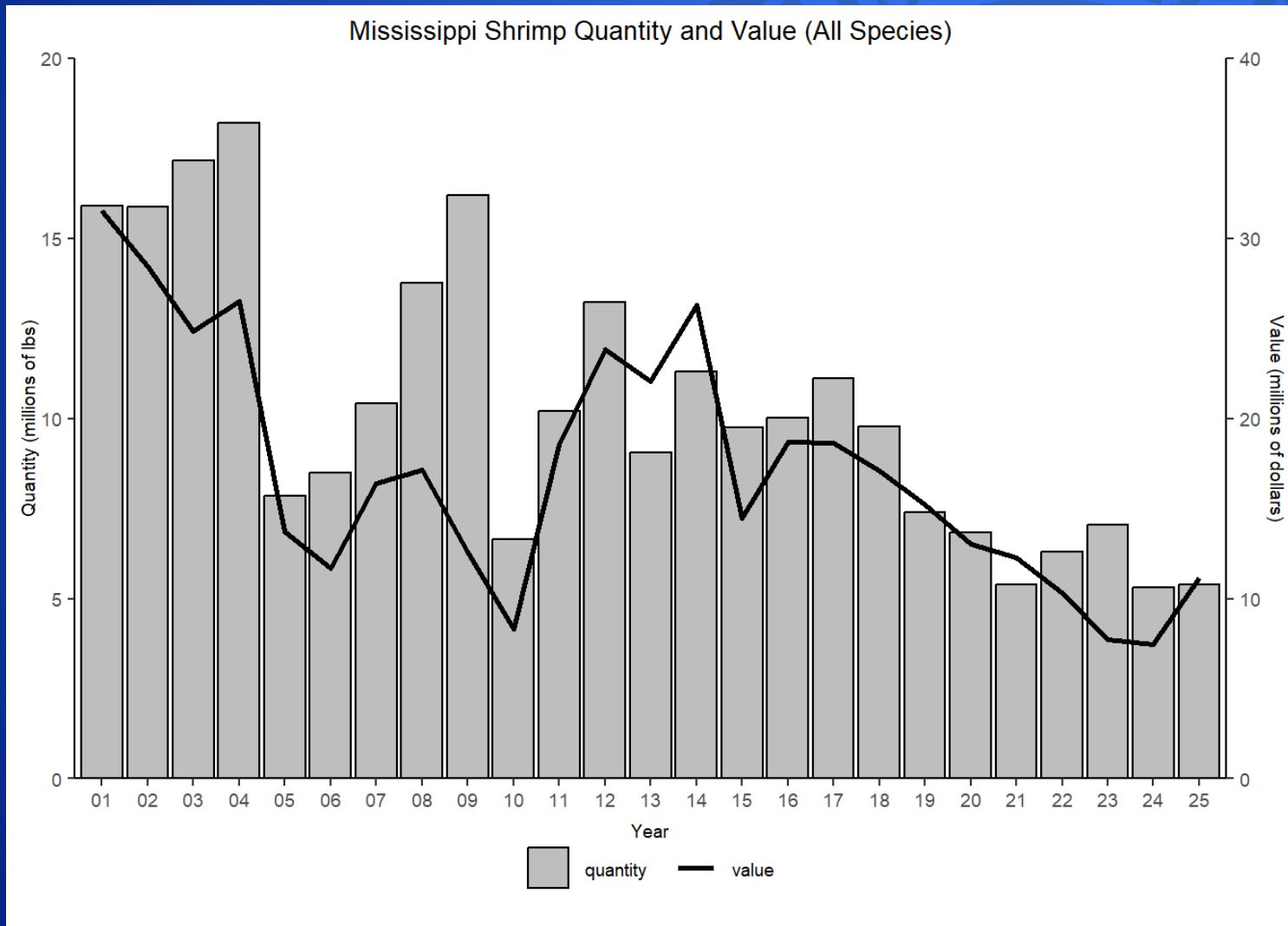
2026 Mississippi Shrimp Season Update

Jason Saucier

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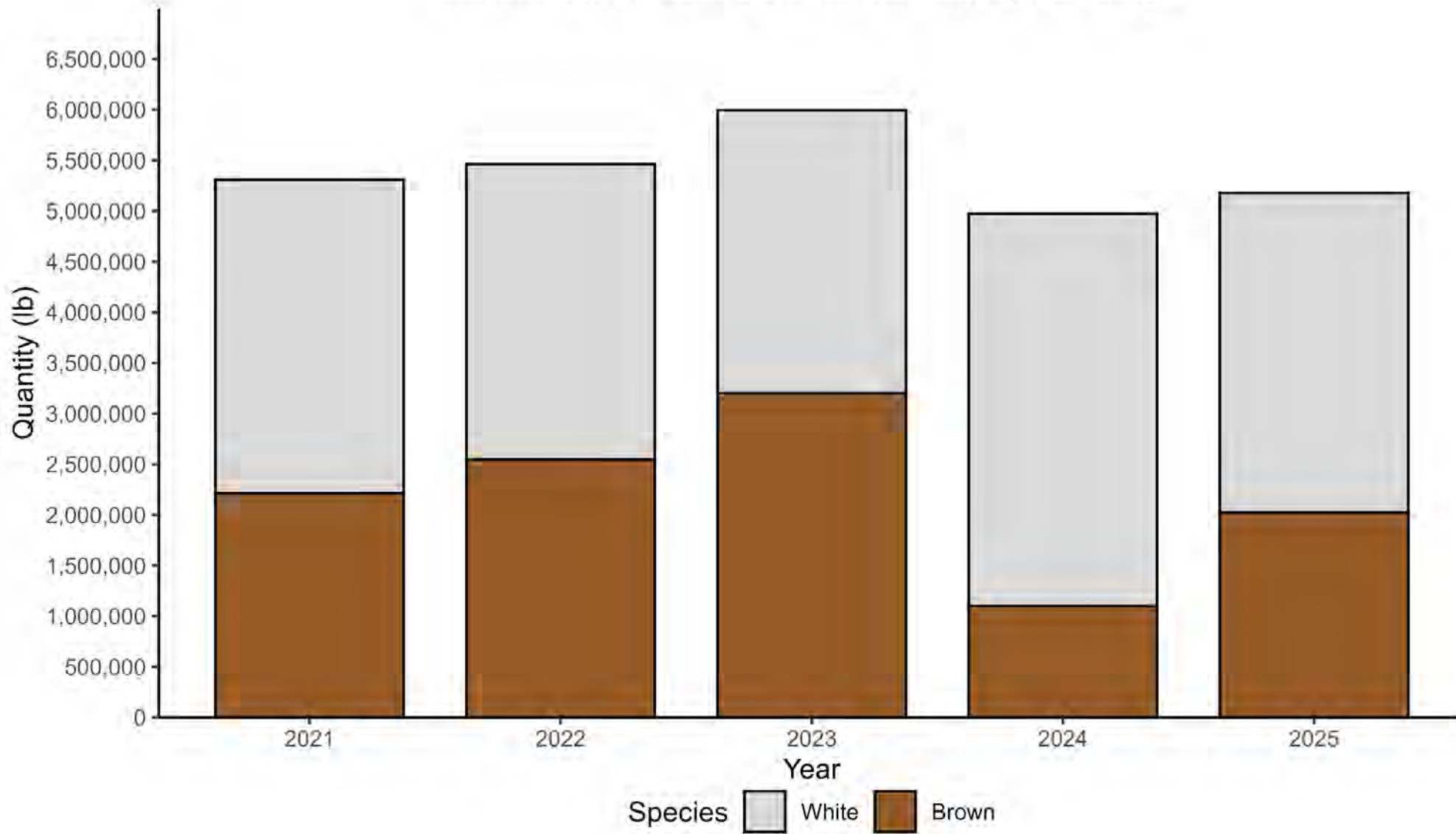
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Historical shrimp landings

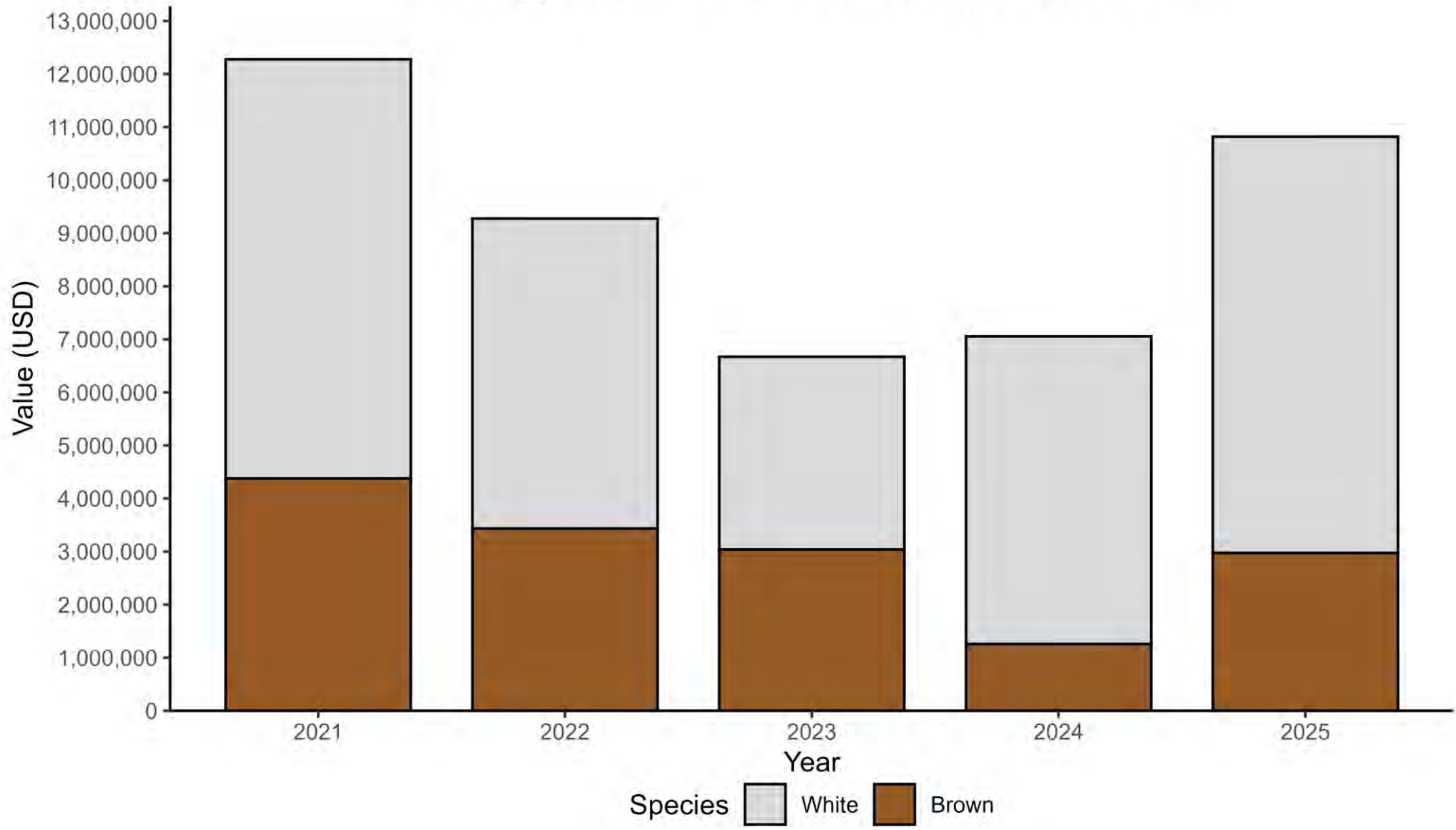


- 2025 landings = 502,979 lbs.
- 2025 dockside value = \$913,795

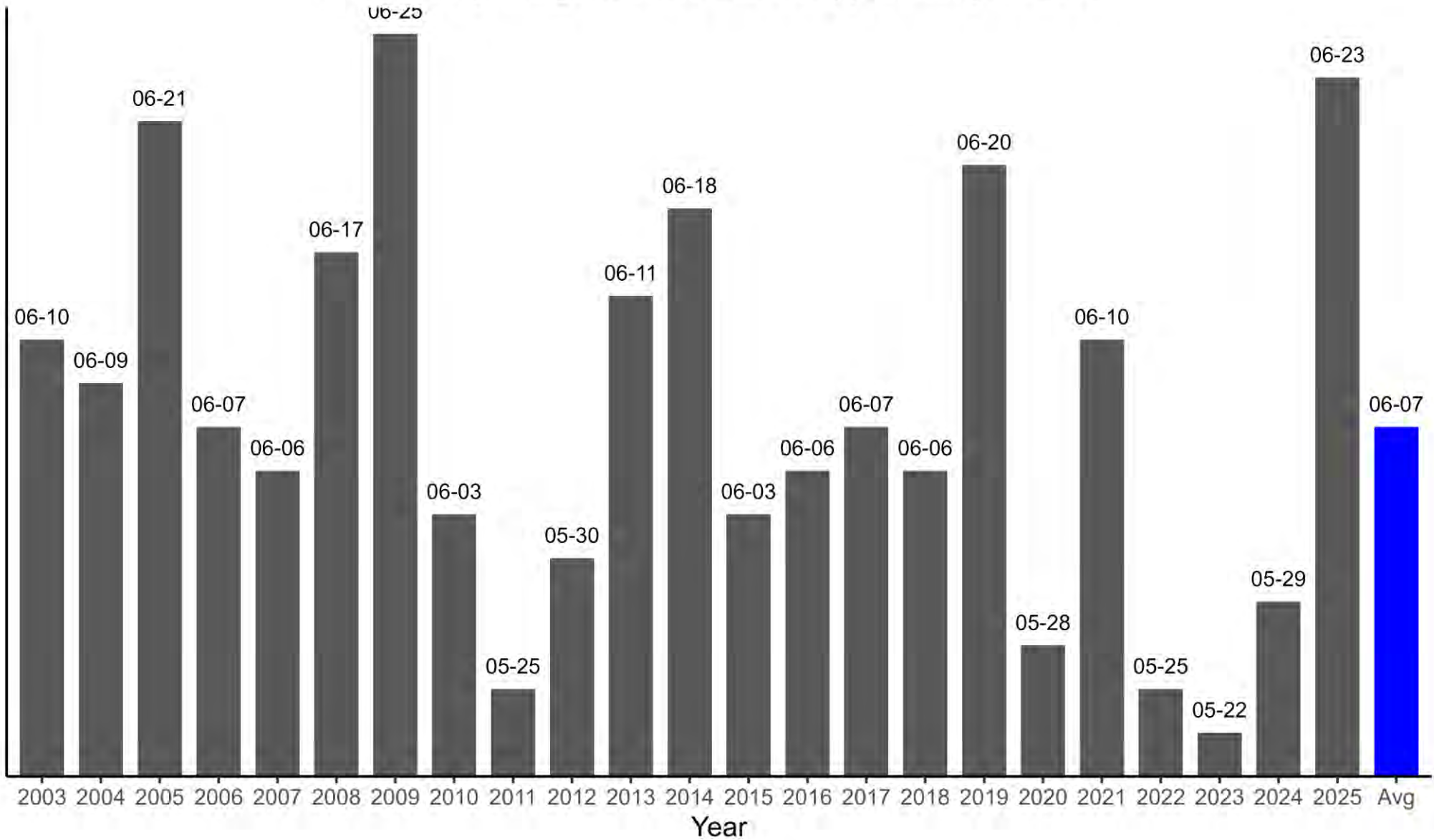
Mississippi Annual Commercial Shrimp Landings



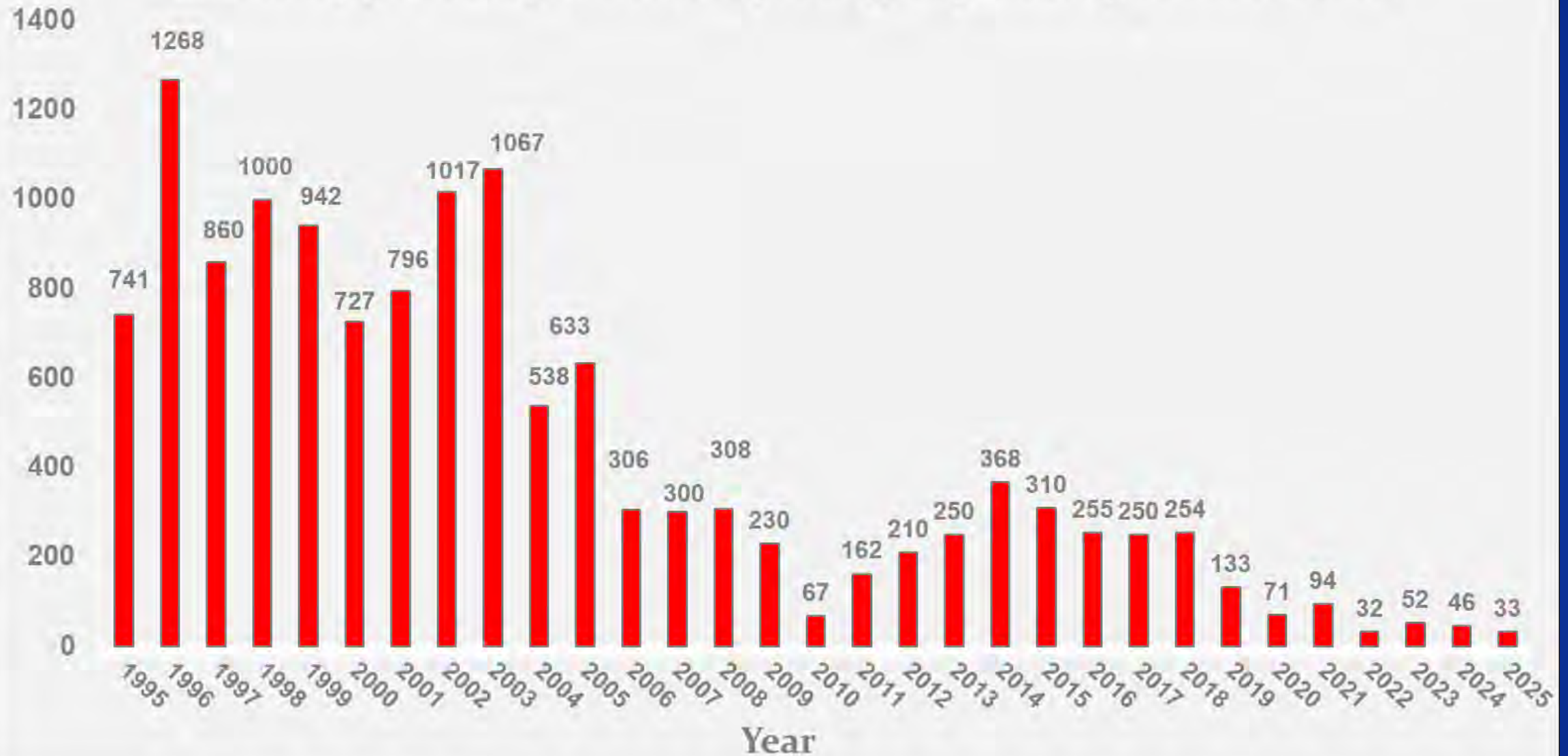
Mississippi Annual Commercial Shrimp Dockside Value



Historic Opening Dates of Mississippi Shrimp Season

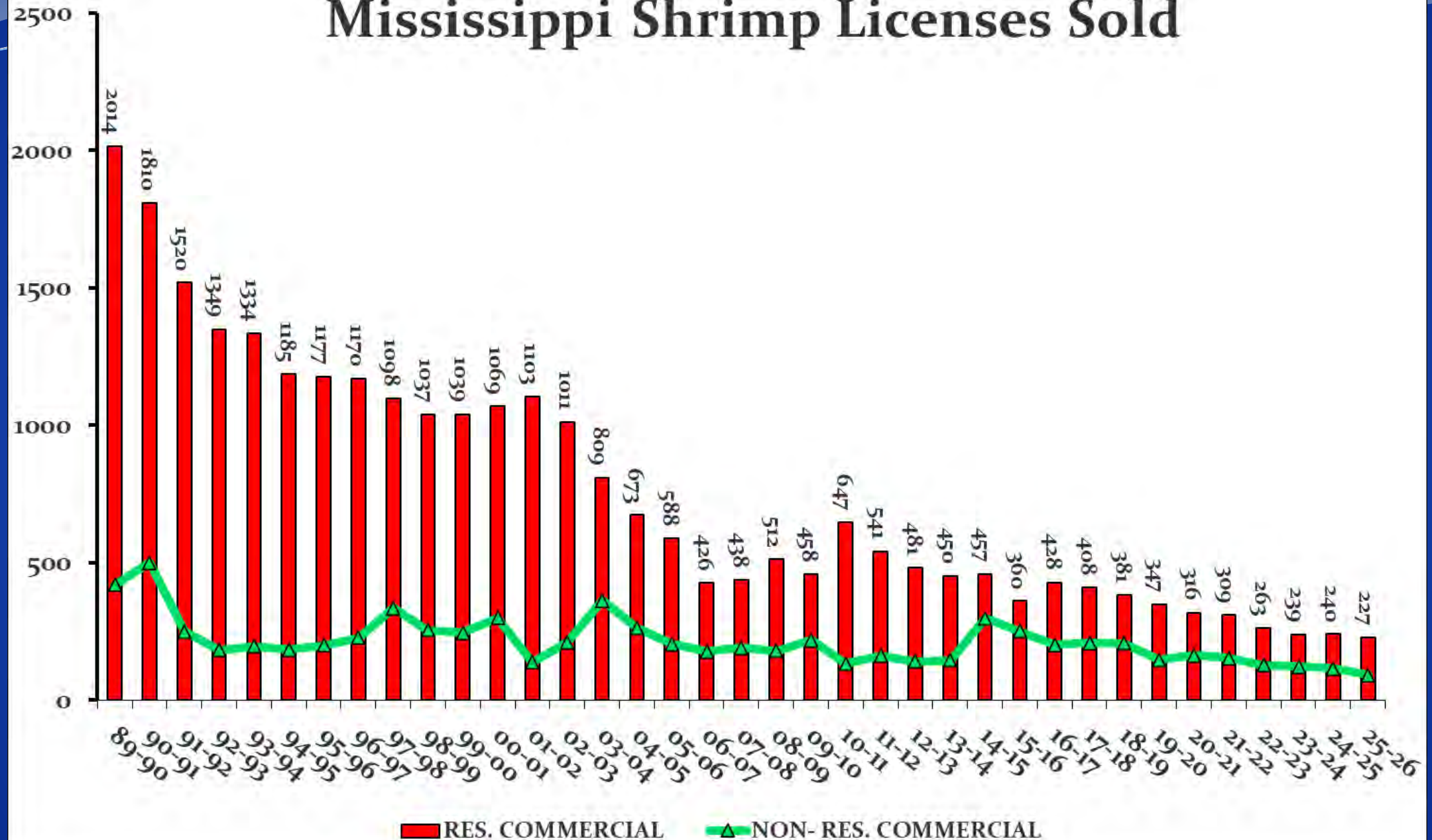


Mississippi Shrimp Season Opening Day Shrimp Vessel Count



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Mississippi Shrimp Licenses Sold

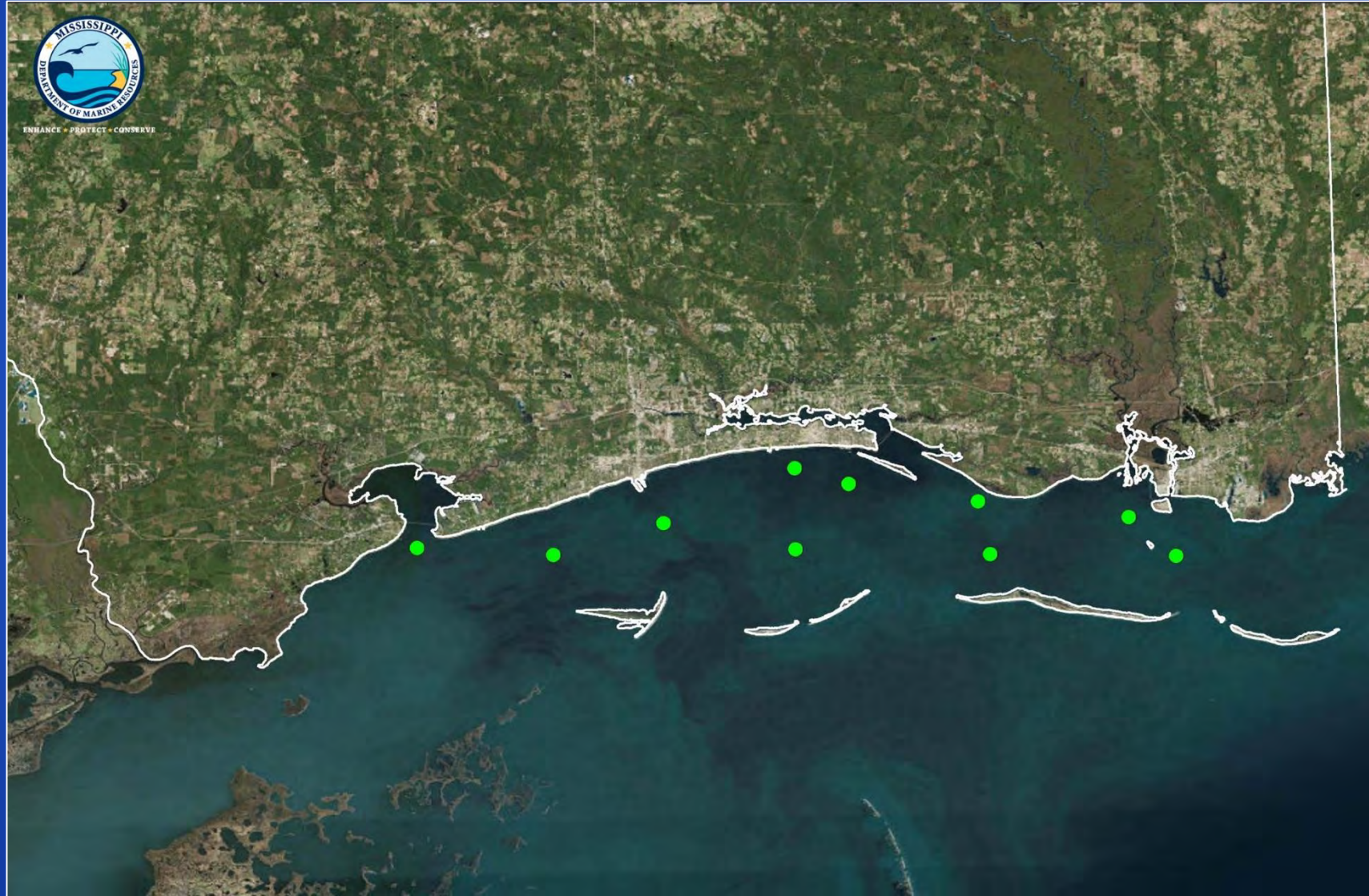


Mississippi Shrimp Season Opening Sampling

- **April – June juvenile/adult sampling**
 - Standardized 16-foot trawl sampling at historical stations
 - Chart the growth of Brown Shrimp from juveniles to adults
 - Season opens when Brown Shrimp reach legal requirement of 68 count
- **2026 sample began April 17th**



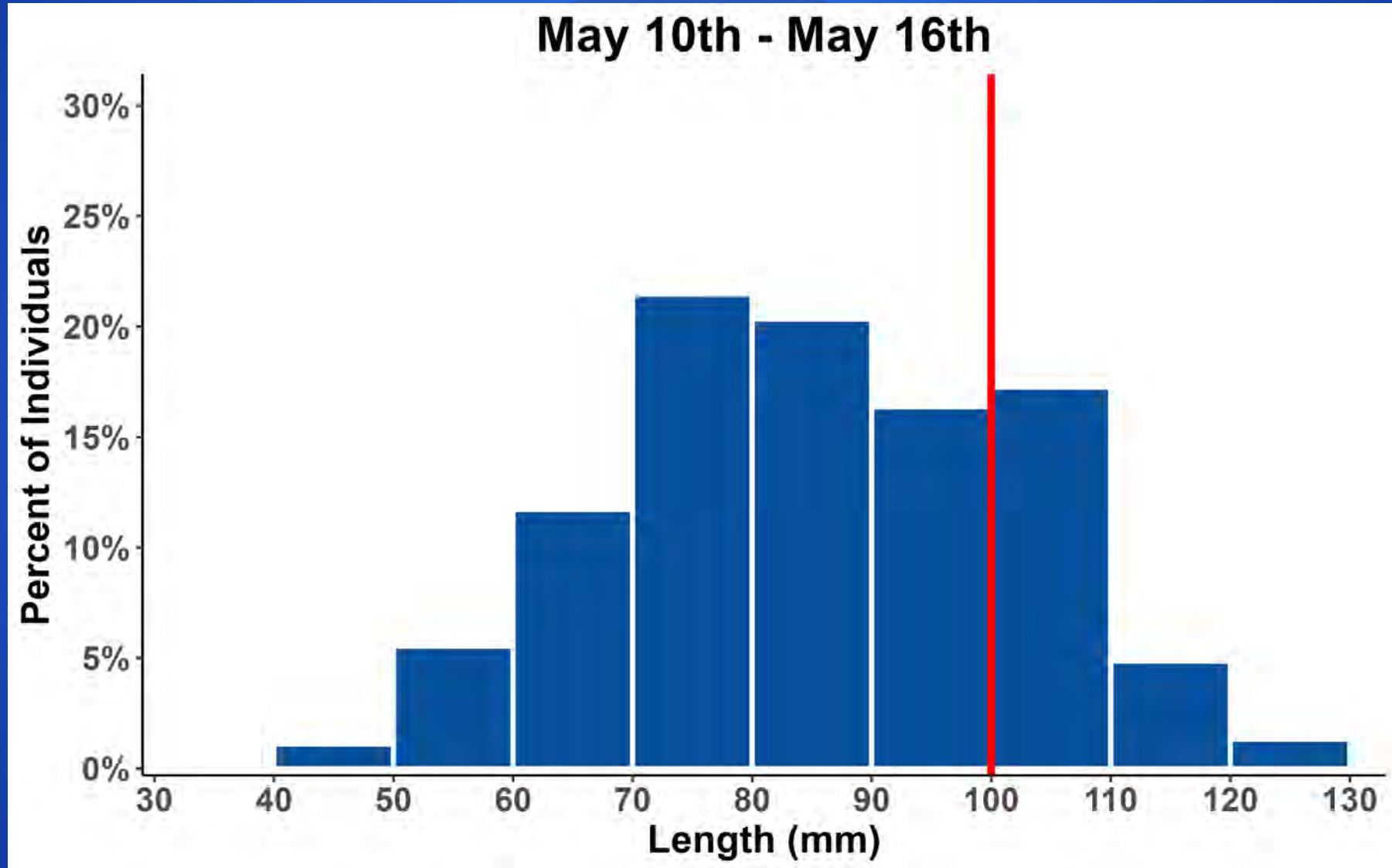
MDMR shrimp sample stations



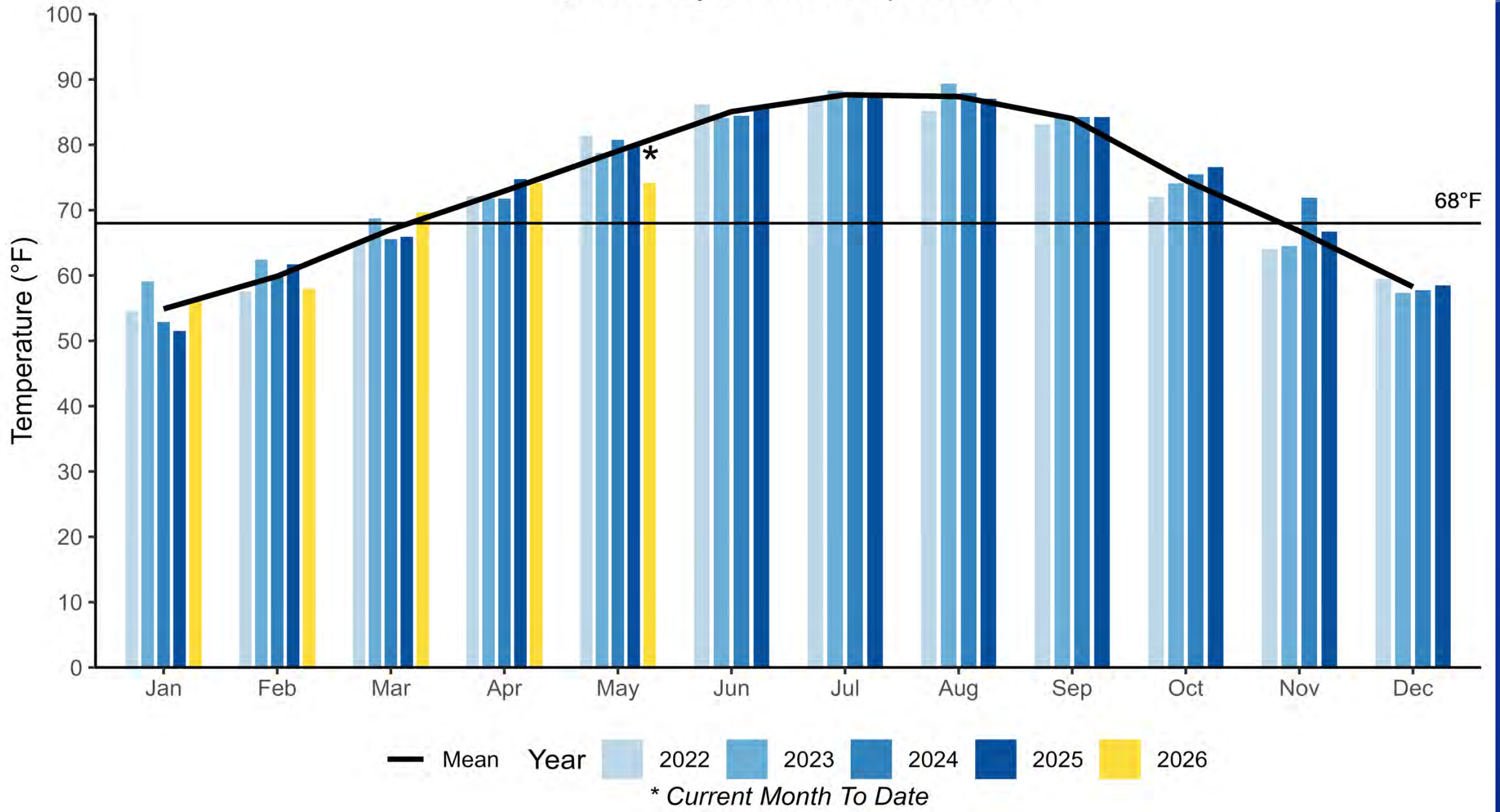
May 14, 2026 samples



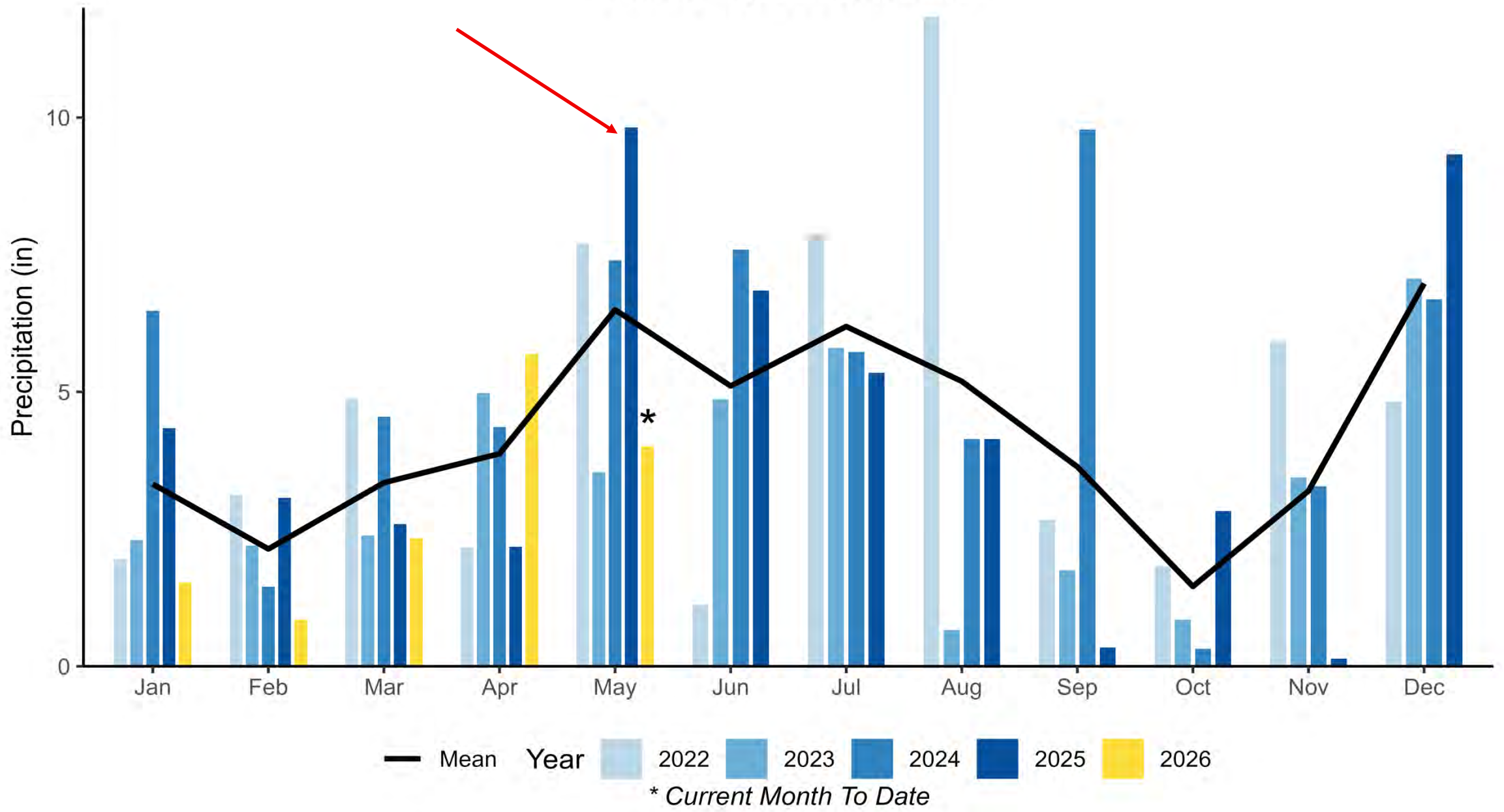
Size Frequency in MDMR Shrimp Samples To Date



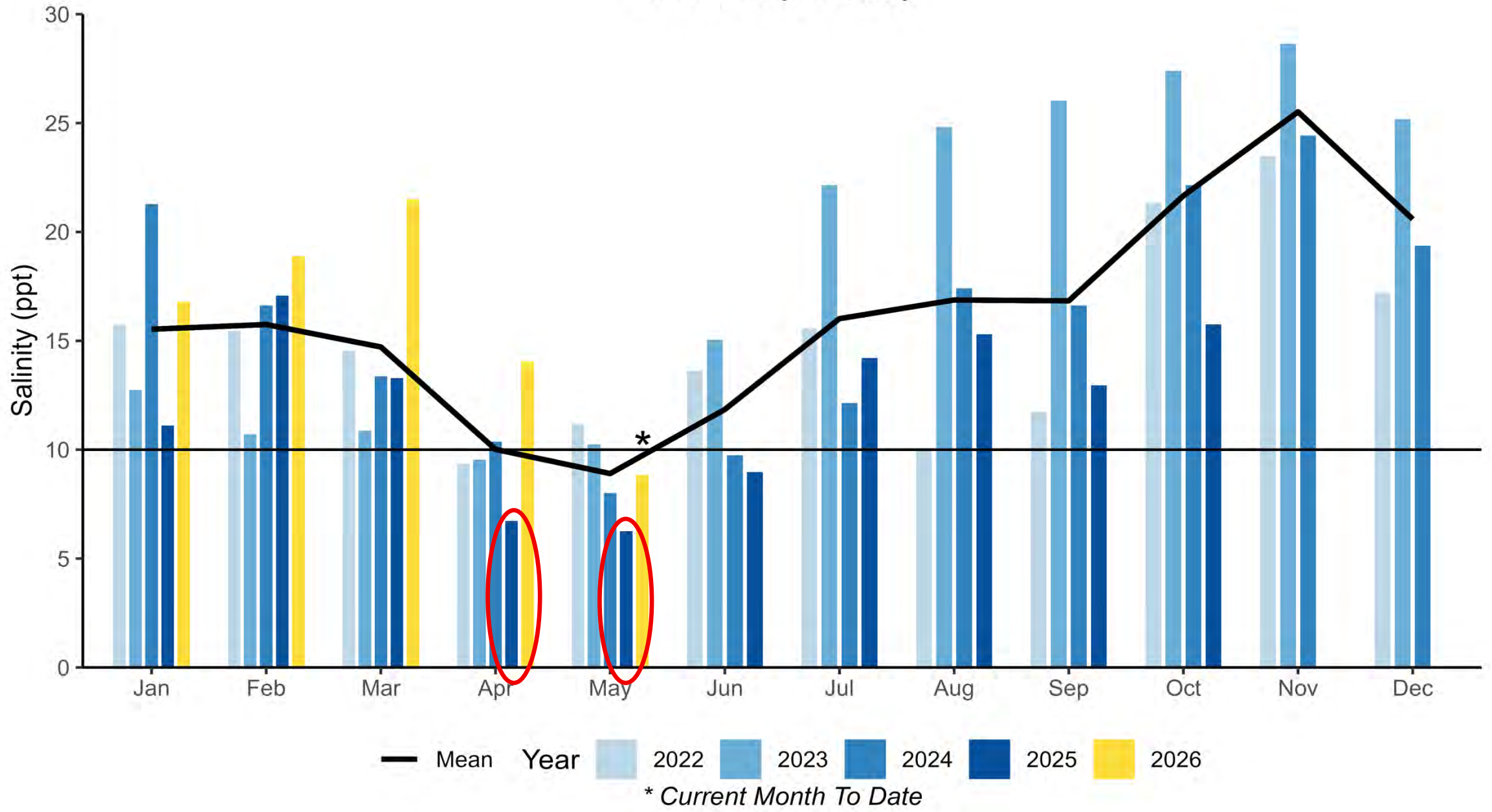
Biloxi Bay Water Temperature



Biloxi Bay Precipitation



Biloxi Bay Salinity

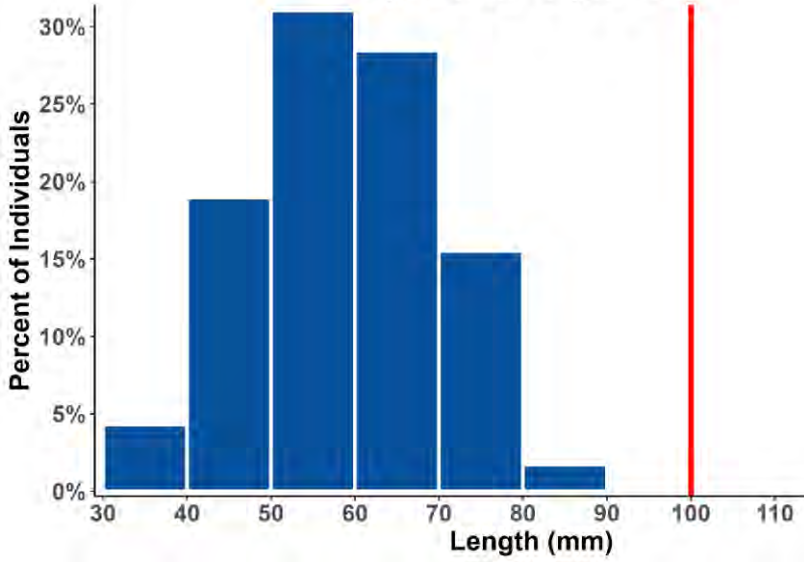


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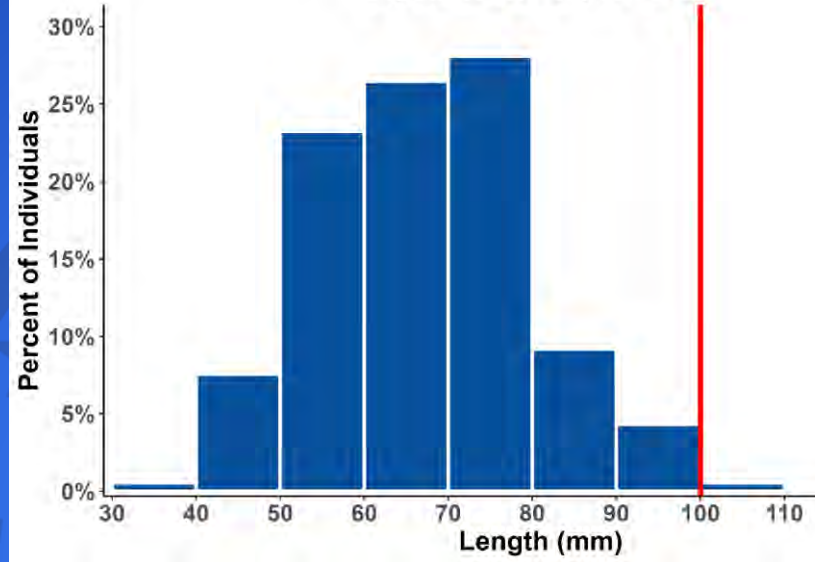


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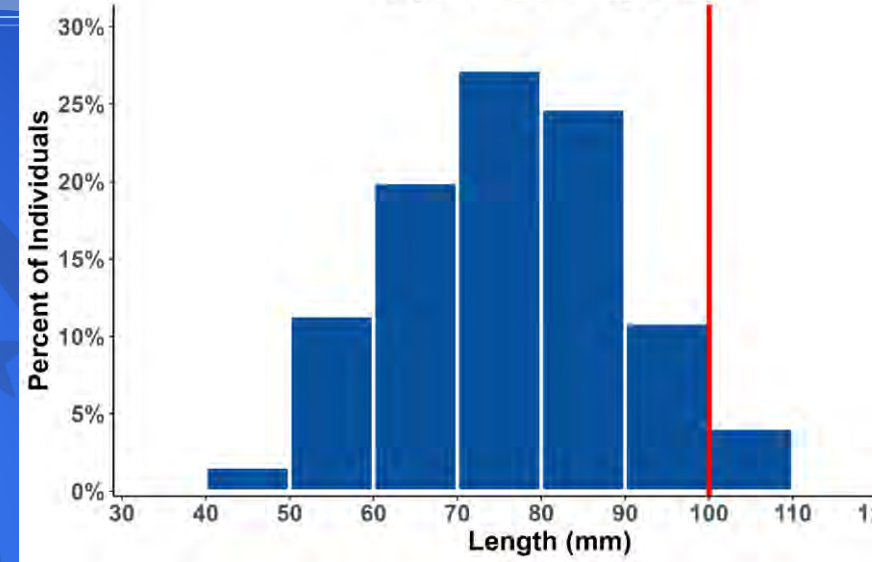
April 12th - April 18th



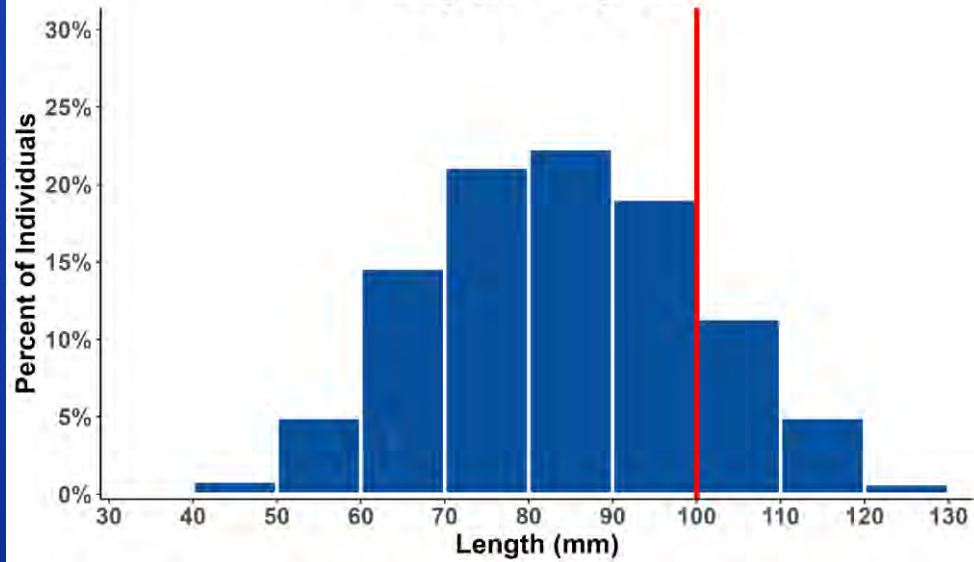
April 19th - April 25th



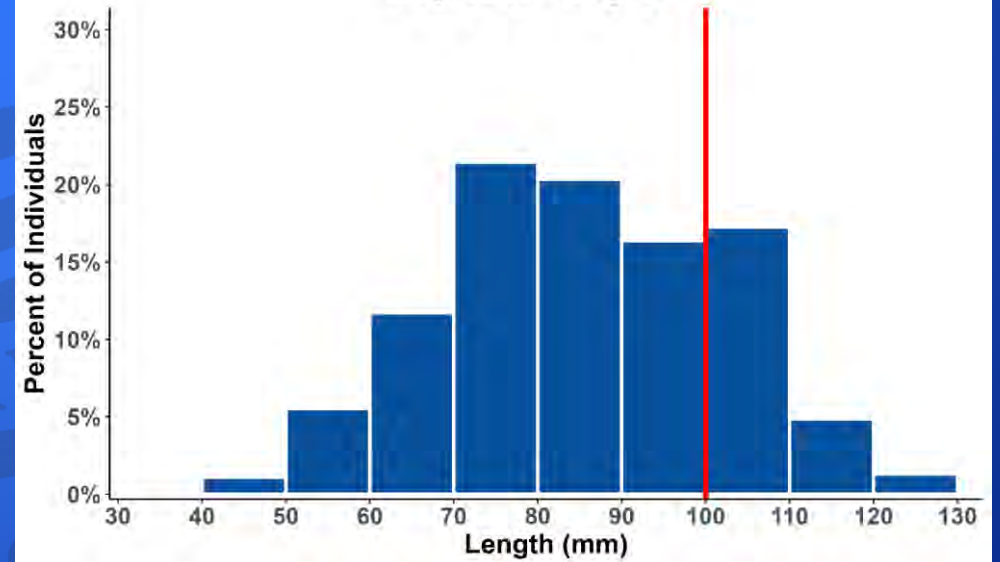
April 26th - May 2nd



May 3rd - May 9th



May 10th - May 16th





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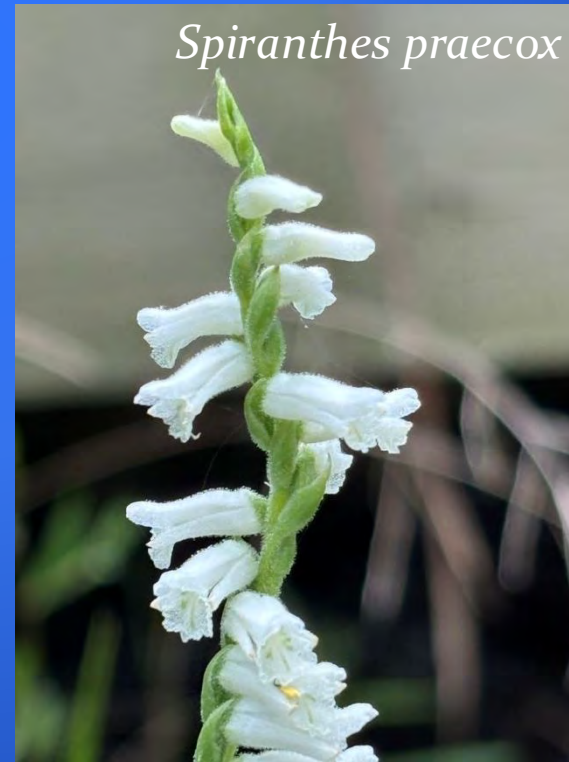
NOAA Leadership Visit



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Dr. Neil Jacobs and Laura Grimm
Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere
Visited the Grand Bay NERR on May 5, 2026





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