



The Shrimp e-Advocate

The Southern Shrimp Alliance (SSA) is a non-profit alliance of members of the U.S. shrimp industry in eight states committed to preventing the continued deterioration of America's shrimp industry and to ensuring the industry's future viability. SSA serves as the national voice for the shrimp fishermen and processors in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas.

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Senator Vitter (La) worked with Senator Shelby of Alabama to get this important funding added to the supplemental appropriations bill. Upon a fisheries failure declaration, Congress must appropriate funds for the affected communities. On May 24, Commerce Secretary Locke issued an official declaration. The amendment added the following to bill.

- \$15 million for the fisheries disaster declaration in the Gulf.
- \$10 million for an expanded stock assessment of the Gulf fisheries - including, but not limited to, commercial and recreational catch and biological sampling, observer programs, data management and processing, conducting assessments, and follow-up evaluations.
- \$1 million for the Secretary of Commerce to

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require a National Academy of Sciences study on the long-term ecosystem service impacts of the spill on the Gulf. In particular, it would assess long-term costs to water filtration, hunting, fishing (commercial and recreational), and other economic values associated with the Gulf.