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The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission voted to close the Gulf of Maine to shrimping on December 3 following last winter's harvest, which was the smallest since the last shutdown of the fishery, back in 1978 -- A November 21 report released

by the fisheries commission's Northern Shrimp Technical Committee concluded that the stock has collapsed and recommended a moratorium on shrimping in 2014 to maximize the species' spawning potential -- The reports attributes the collapse in part to warming ocean temperatures -- The report also cited the absence of the normal springtime surge of plankton, predation by other species and overfishing a few years ago as contributing to the collapse (#69685)

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