

**N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission**  
**Feb. 19-21, 2020**  
**Motions**

Motion by Martin Posey to approve the meeting agenda as amended. Seconded by Sam Romano. Motion carries with no objection.

Motion by Sam Romano to approve the minutes of the November 2019 meeting. Seconded by Doug Cross.  
Motion carries with no objection.

**Initiation of the Rulemaking Process for Small Mesh Gill Nets**

Motion by Martin Posey that the MFC endorse the DMF initiation of the rulemaking process for small mesh gill nets. Seconded by Doug Cross.  
Motion carries unanimously.

**Final Adoption of the Blue Crab FMP Amendment 3**

Motion by Sam Romano to table the vote on the Blue Crab FMP until the stock assessment is updated with 2019 landings. Second by Doug Cross.  
Motion fails.

Motion by Sam Romano to accept the Marine Fisheries Commission recommendation for achieving sustainable harvest and ending overfishing. Seconded by Martin Posey.

Motion by Doug Cross to amend the previous motion by removing the 6.75-inch maximum size limit on mature female crabs and replacing it with a 5-inch minimum size limit on female crabs statewide. Seconded by Mike Blanton.  
Motion carries with one abstention.

Motion by Martin Posey to amend the Romano motion to delete the language stating “update stock assessment with 2019 data.” Seconded by Mike Blanton.  
Motion carries with no opposition.

Motion by Sam Romano, as amended, to accept the Marine Fisheries Commission recommendation for achieving sustainable harvest and ending overfishing, removing the 6.75-inch maximum size limit on mature females and adding a 5-inch minimum size limit statewide on mature females and omitting the update of the stock assessment once 2019 data is available. Seconded by Martin Posey.  
Motion carries 8-0 with one abstention (Sam Romano).

Motion by Sam Romano to accept the Marine Fisheries Commission recommendation to use science on locally specific pot funnel designs to reduce terrapin interaction and identify individual areas with terrapin hotspots that would be closed to potting unless an excluder is used. Motion ruled out of order by the chairman.

Motion by Pete Kornegay that the MFC adopt the criteria presented by the DMF for identifying diamondback terrapin management areas, adding a step to bring proposed management areas back to the MFC following committee meetings at the next regularly scheduled meeting for approval. Seconded by Tom Roller.

Motion carries with one dissention and one abstention.

Motion by Martin Posey that the MFC adopt Blue Crab FMP Amendment 3 as amended. Seconded by Robert McNeill.

Motion carries with one dissention.

### **Approval of Goal and Objectives for Southern Flounder FMP Amendment 3**

Motion by Martin Posey to approve the goal and objectives for the Southern Flounder FMP Amendment 3 as presented by DMF. Seconded by Tom Roller.

Motion carries with no objection.

### **Approval of Goal and Objectives for Shrimp FMP Amendment 2**

Motion by Robert McNeill to approve the goal and objectives for the Shrimp FMP Amendment 2 as presented by DMF. Second by Martin Posey.

Motion carries without objection.

### **Rulemaking – Final Approval of Tarpon and License and CFVR Transfers**

Motion by Pete Kornegay to approve 15A NCAC 03M .0509 (Tarpon). Seconded by Robert McNeill.

Motion carries 5-4.

Motion by Mike Blanton to adopt 03O 0108 (License and Commercial Fishing Vessel Registration Transfers). Seconded by Doug Cross.

Motion carries with no objection.

### **Rulemaking – Shrimp SSNA to SNA Issue**

Motion by Pete Kornegay to select Option 2 as the preferred management option for the Shrimp FMP Amendment 1 Special Secondary Nursery Area Issue Paper. Seconded by Robert McNeill.

Motion carries 6-2 with one abstention.

### **Shellfish Aquaculture Bill – User Conflict Study Update and Rulemaking**

Motion by Tom Hendrickson to approve the recommended language for 15A NCAC 03O .0201, 03O .0202, and 03O .0204 to address user conflicts as required by the Shellfish Aquaculture Bill adding “or a shore based structure” to 15A NCAC 03O .0201(a)(2) following “250 feet to a developed shoreline”. Seconded by Mike Blanton.

Motion carries with no opposition.