

N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission
Feb. 25-26, 2021
Motions

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Tom Roller to approve the meeting agenda

Second by Martin Posey

Motion carries with no opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Pete Kornegay to approve the minutes of the Nov. 19-20 meeting.

Second by Sam Romano

Motion carries with no opposition.

HOOK AND LINE MODIFICATIONS

Motion by Sam Romano to approve status quo. Mandatory circle hook requirement shall be considered on a species-by-species basis through the FMP process.

Second by Doug Cross

ROLL CALL VOTE				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Blanton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Hendrickson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Kornegay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robert McNeill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Martin Posey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Roller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam Romano	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chairman Rob Bizzell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion carries unanimously

HIGHLY EFFICIENT GEARS ON STATE ARTIFICIAL REEFS

Motion by Martin Posey to select Option 2 and associated proposed language as the preferred management option, to proceed with rulemaking to protect all finfish species from highly efficient fishing gear on artificial reefs in state ocean waters, and to allow DMF staff the latitude to possibly place defined terms in 15A NCAC 03I .0101, Definitions.

Second by Tom Roller

ROLL CALL VOTE				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Blanton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Hendrickson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Tom Roller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam Romano	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chairman Rob Bizzell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion carries unanimously.

SHELLFISH LEASE REGULATION IN HIGH USE AREAS

Motion by Martin Posey to not proceed with additional rulemaking at this time beyond that which staff is already pursuing.

Second by Sam Romano

Motion withdrawn

Motion by Doug Cross to direct DMF staff to study additional rulemaking for shellfish lease regulations in high use areas.

Motion withdrawn

ADOPTION OF RULES

Motion by Doug Cross that the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission adopt as presented all rules, changes, or readoptions for Package B. Package B consists of 41 rules in 15A NCAC 03 and 18A as published in the *N.C. Register*, per G.S. 150B-21.3A, except for additional technical changes recommended to three rules in 15A NCAC 03O .0200:

- 15A NCAC 18A .0431, .0704, .0901-.0910, .0913, .0914; (growing waters)
- 15A NCAC 18A .0140-.0143, .0146, .0150, .0154, .0155, .0159, .0160, .0163, .0167, .0169-.0172, .0179, .0180, .0188-.0190; (crustacea meat)
- 15A NCAC 03O .0201, .0202, .0204; (shellfish leases)
- 15A NCAC 03R .0104, .0105; and (nursery areas)
- 15A NCAC 03R .0117. (oyster sanctuaries)

Second by Martin Posey

ROLL CALL VOTE				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Blanton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sam Romano	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chairman Rob Bizzell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion carries unanimously.

SOUTHERN FLOUNDER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDEMENT 3

Motion by Pete Kornegay that the acting director of DMF direct staff to recalculate allowable southern flounder landings for Amendment 3 that will compensate for overages in landings during 2019 and 2020.

Second by Tom Roller

ROLL CALL VOTE				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Blanton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Hendrickson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Kornegay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robert McNeill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Martin Posey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Roller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam Romano	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chairman Rob Bizzell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion fails 3-6

Motion by Doug Cross to set the allocation for Amendment 3 at 70% commercial and 30% recreational.

Second by Sam Romano

ROLL CALL VOTE				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Blanton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Hendrickson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Kornegay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Dr. Martin Posey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Roller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam Romano	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chairman Rob Bizzell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion carries 5-4

ESTUARINE STRIPED BASS FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT 2

Motion by Martin Posey to approve the goal and objectives for Amendment 2 to the Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan as presented by DMF staff.

Second by Pete Kornegay.

ROLL CALL VOTE				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Blanton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Hendrickson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Kornegay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robert McNeill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Martin Posey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Roller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam Romano	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chairman Rob Bizzell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion carries 8-1