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LETTERS & ONLINE COMMENTS

From: [Klibansky, Lara](#)
To: [Gillikin, Dana](#)
Subject: FW: [External] About Time
Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 4:02:57 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 3:34 PM
To: Klibansky, Lara <Lara.Klibansky@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [External] About Time

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From: JNB280 [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 3:08 PM
To: Bizzell, Rob; Kornegay, K; Hendrickson, Tom; McNeill, Robert; Posey, Martin H; Cross, Doug; Blanton, Mike; Roller, Thomas N; Romano, Sam
Subject: [External] About Time

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Recreational anglers and conservation minded guides are tired of commercial interests ruling our guidelines. If you can't recognize the devastating impact inshore netting has on the fishery, we will remind you at the polling station. The simple fact that our state is alone in allowing this activity is sickening. Start listening to the people or you will find out at the polls how your decisions impact your title.

From: [Bizzell, Rob](#)
To: [Klibansky, Lara](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] Flounder Allocation
Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 8:31:38 PM

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From: Marc Boettger [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 6:45 PM
To: Bizzell, Rob; Kornegay, K; Hendrickson, Tom; McNeill, Robert; Posey, Martin H; Cross, Doug; Blanton, Mike; Roller, Thomas N; Romano, Sam
Subject: [External] Flounder Allocation

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While I agree that changes need to be made in flounder management, mainly due to the prior and current ineptitude of the NCDMF and NCMFC, allocating only 30% to recreational fisherman is ridiculous. Why are our taxes and license fees being used as a way to subsidize commercial fisherman? This does not even make sense economically. It is well established how much more money recreational fishermen provide to NC than does the commercial sector. I and many others will be heavily petitioning the governor to replace those whose terms are coming up with more competent stewards of our resources who keep NC's and the public's best interest in mind when deciding how to protect and allocate our fisheries.

Thank you,

Marc Boettger

[REDACTED]

From: Klibansky, Lara
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 4:49 PM
To: Gillikin, Dana
Subject: FW: [External] Southern Flounder Fishery

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From: Bizzell, Rob <r.bizzell.mfc@ncdenr.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 7:12 PM
To: Klibansky, Lara <Lara.Klibansky@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [External] Southern Flounder Fishery

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From: Edwin Boelte [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 6:50 PM
To: Bizzell, Rob; Cross, Doug; Blanton, Mike; Hendrickson, Tom; Kornegay, K; McNeill, Robert; Posey, Martin H; Roller, Thomas N; Romano, Sam
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [External] Southern Flounder Fishery

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Gentlemen,
As a recreational fisherman and A North Carolina resident, I strongly urge rebuilding of our depleted fish stocks and an end to the use of destructive gear and overfishing of our coastal marine resources.

Most Sincerely,

Edwin R. Boelte, II

From: [Bizzell, Rob](#)
To: [Klibansky, Lara](#)
Subject: Re: [External] March 31
Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 8:40:55 PM

Thanks for the kind words! We will take written public comment but no live comment. The main purpose of this meeting is to address the allocation, and maybe some other items related to the adaptive management measures. If the allocation changes, staff has to crunch the numbers to come up with potential management measures. We still have a ways to go to wrap up amendment 3. Thanks for caring about the resource. Rob

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Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 8:32:50 PM
To: Klibansky, Lara <Lara.Klibansky@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [External] March 31

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From: Stuart Creighton [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 8:12 PM
To: Bizzell, Rob
Subject: [External] March 31

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Chairman Bizzell,
First and foremost, thank you for the chance to re-examine the southern flounder allocation. I know there has been tremendous public response, and I appreciate you taking it into consideration.
My one question this evening does relate to exactly that. With the two week delay, will public comment be re-opened ahead of this meeting? If so, I would like to continue to get the word out about that.
I assume that amendment 3 will still be discussed and voted on during this session.

Thanks!!!
stuart creighton

From: [Bizzell, Rob](#)
To: [Klibansky, Lara](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] southern flounder
Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 8:30:19 PM

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From: jak1986cb [REDACTED]
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To: Bizzell, Rob
Subject: [External] southern flounder

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Thank you for your time.

New Hanover Co. 2020 First year no netting activity criss crossing marshland access in spring for flounder, good rod and reel results. Years past could only catch primarily 6" or smaller once the nets were pulled untill fall. Please keep the recreational folks in mind.

Jacque McAilster, jr.
Southeast NC

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone



EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS

Public Servants must complete the Ethics and Lobbying Education program provided by the N.C. State Ethics Commission within **six months** of their election, appointment, or employment. We recommend that this be completed as soon as possible, but the training must be repeated every two years after the initial session.

Since Adobe Flash was terminated on December 31, 2020, our online program is not available. A new and shorter online program will be available in the near future. The new program will be compatible with portable devices such as phones and tablets.

Live webinar presentations are being offered monthly and registration information for the live presentations can be found [here](#). These presentations are about 90 minutes long and give you the opportunity to ask questions of the speaker.

For questions or additional information concerning the Ethics Education requirements, please contact Dottie Benz at (919) 389-1383.

2020 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST REMINDERS:

Completed SEIs must be filed on or before April 15, 2020. If you have already filed a 2020 SEI, do not refile. The forms and instructions can be found at <https://ethics.ncsbe.gov/sei/blankForm.aspx>.

If you filed a 2019 SEI **and** you have had **no changes** since your 2019 filing, you may file a 2020 SEI No Change Form, located on the website.

You must file a 2020 Long Form if any of the following apply to you:

- a. You filed a 2019 SEI **but** you have had changes since your 2019 filing;
- b. You did not file a 2019 SEI; or
- c. You are a first-time filer or have been appointed to a new or additional position/board.

This year, the State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement will roll out a new electronic process for filing SEIs. That electronic filing option will be available in **early February**.

You are encouraged to file your SEI electronically. However, if you want to file your SEIs before the updated electronic version is available, hard copies are available for filing now at the link above.

New commissioners will need to file a 2020 SEI; however, if you have not had any changes since you last filed, you can use the No Change Form, which is fairly easy to complete.

Please file by April 15th to avoid fines and other penalties.

SEI HELPFUL TIPS

1. PUBLIC RECORDS. The State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement (State Board) is required to collect and maintain disclosures from certain persons covered by the State Elections and Ethics Enforcement Act Government Ethics Act (Elections and Ethics Act). By law, the information requested is public record and available to the public upon request. As public records, Statements of Economic Interest (SEI) are available on the Commission's website. Personal contact information, however, is not.

2. CONTACT INFORMATION PAGE. The Contact Information page, which includes your personal contact information, will not be available on the Commission's website, but is a public record.

3. CHILDREN'S INITIALS. Only list minor children's INITIALS on the SEI. List each child's full legal name on the Confidential Unemancipated Children's Form. If you are filing electronically, the form will be generated at the end of the SEI from the information that you provided on your electronic SEI. The Confidential Form is not a public record, and the State Board will not make it available to the public.

4. READ EACH QUESTION CAREFULLY. Read each question carefully and pay close attention to the time periods in each question as they do vary.

5. ANSWER EACH QUESTION. It is important to answer each question, including all applicable subparts. Even if your answer is "no" or "not applicable," make certain you answer each question. Many of the questions have "yes" and "no" boxes to check for your convenience. Incomplete SEIs may cause delays and negatively impact your public service on a covered board or as an employee.

6. WHY ARE YOU FILING. You must list the complete name of the state board or state agency employer for which you are filing the SEI. Without this information, your SEI may be delayed and negatively impact your public service on a covered board or as an employee.

7. HOW TO FILE. The State Board strongly recommends electronic on-line filing as it is secure, allows easy information updates, and gives you access to your electronic SEIs previously filed. Filing your SEI on-line is easy, quick, convenient, and reduces the chance of reporting errors. Getting started is easy. Follow the simple steps to create your own account and get access today: <https://EFILE.ncsbe.gov/> To file a paper version of the SEI, you must provide the State Board with a signed, original SEI form. Each SEI includes an "affirmation" and is a legally binding document. Faxed or emailed copies of your SEI CANNOT be accepted.

SEI Helpful Tips, continued

8. INCOME. List each source of income as requested on the SEI. The actual dollar amount is not required. Be sure to list your employer as a source of income in Question # 6 of the SEI.

9. READ CAREFULLY. Read each question carefully, as the Elections and Ethics Act requires that you disclose your financial holdings and obligations, personal property, and real property and may also include your knowledge of the holdings of both your immediate family and your extended family. "Immediate family" and "extended family" are defined terms in the Elections and Ethics Act, and those definitions are included with this document.

10. REFLECT. Think carefully about WHY you are filing, and whether it has any relationship to your position. Does your board or commission license or regulate you? For many of the boards, a subject matter expert like a licensee is needed. Answering "yes" does not prohibit your service on the board, and your perspective is valued.

11. MAKE A COPY. Make a copy of the SEI for your own records, and make a note in your calendar when you submit it, whether on-line or by mail or hand delivery. When you successfully submit your SEI electronically on-line, the final screen will provide a confirmation number and will be proof that you have satisfied your filing obligation. Please print the **confirmation screen for your records.**

12. ETHICS LIAISON. Contact your Ethics Liaison to assist you in your obligations under the Elections and Ethics Act. Your Ethics Liaison is good source of information about how to fill out your SEI.

13. ON-LINE HELP. The State Board has on-line resources to answer questions you may have about your SEI. For more information, please visit the State Board website which has education offerings.

14. DEFINITIONS. As noted above, certain terms are defined in the Elections and Ethics Act (“immediate family”). These definitions may be helpful to you in completing your SEI. A complete list of all definitions used in the Elections and Ethics Act is available on the State Board’s website, under “Ethics”. Some of the more common ones are attached to this document.

15. YOUR INTERNET BROWSER. Consider using Internet Explorer or Chrome to submit your SEI. Some users have had trouble using other browsers. **16. WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU.** In addition to on-line resources and written materials, the State Board has expert staff ready to answer any questions you might have and assist you in completing and filing your SEI. Do not hesitate to contact us at sei@ncsbee.gov (919) 814-3600.

2021 Meeting Planning Calendar

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2021 Committee Assignments for Marine Fisheries Commissioners

FINFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Statutorily required standing committee comprised of commissioners and advisers that considers matters related to finfish.

Commissioners: Tom Roller – chair, Sam Romano – vice chair

DMF Staff Lead: Lee Paramore - lee.paramore@ncdenr.gov

Meeting Frequency: Can meet quarterly, depending on assignments from MFC

HABITAT AND WATER QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE & COASTAL HABITAT PROTECTION PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Statutorily required standing committee comprised of commissioners and advisers that considers matters concerning habitat and water quality that may affect coastal fisheries resources.

Commissioners: Pete Kornegay – chair, Dr. Martin Posey – vice chair

DMF Staff Lead: Anne Deaton - anne.deaton@ncdenr.gov

Meeting Frequency: Committee can meet quarterly, depending on assignments from MFC. CHPP Steering Committee can meet a couple of times a year.

SHELLFISH/CRUSTACEAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Statutorily required standing committee comprised of commissioners and advisers that considers matters concerning oysters, clams, scallops and other molluscan shellfish, shrimp and crabs.

Commissioners: Sam Romano – chair, Pete Kornegay – co-vice chair, Dr. Martin Posey – co-vice chair

DMF Staff Lead: Tina Moore - tina.moore@ncdenr.gov

Meeting Frequency: Can meet quarterly, depending on assignments from MFC

CONSERVATION FUND COMMITTEE

Committee comprised of commissioners that makes recommendations to the MFC for administering funds to be used for marine and estuarine resources management, including education about the importance of conservation.

Commissioners: Sam Romano - chair, Tom Hendrickson and Robert McNeill

DMF Staff Lead: Randy Gregory - randy.gregory@ncdenr.gov

Meeting Frequency: Meets as needed

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CIVIL PENALTY COMMITTEE

Statutorily required committee comprised of commissioners that makes final agency decisions on civil penalty remission requests.

Commissioners: Rob Bizzell - chair, Doug Cross and Tom Hendrickson

DMF Staff Lead: Col. Carter Witten – carter.witten@ncdenr.gov

Meeting Frequency: Meets as needed

COASTAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Committee consisting of the three recreational seats and the science seat to provide the DMF advice on the projects and grants issued using Coastal Recreational Fishing License trust funds.

Commissioners: Pete Kornegay – chair, Rob Bizzell, Tom Roller, and Robert McNeill

DMF Staff Lead: Jamie Botinovch - jamie.botinovch@ncdenr.gov

Meeting Frequency: Meets as needed

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Committee comprised of commissioners that makes recommendations to the MFC on at-large and obligatory nominees for the Mid- and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils.

Commissioners: Robert McNeill – chair, Pete Kornegay, Tom Roller and Mike Blanton

DMF Staff Lead: Chris Batsavage - chris.batsavage@ncdenr.gov

Meeting Frequency: Typically meets once a year

STANDARD COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE ELIGIBILITY BOARD

Statutorily required three-person board consisting of DEQ, DMF and MFC designees who apply eligibility criteria to determine whether an applicant is eligible for a SCFL.

Commission Designee: Mike Blanton

DMF Staff Lead: Marine Patrol Capt. Garland Yopp – garland.yopp@ncdenr.gov

Meeting Frequency: Meets two to three times a year, could need to meet more often depending on volume of applications

N.C. COMMERCIAL FISHING RESOURCE FUND COMMITTEE

Committee comprised of commissioners that the commission has given authority to make funding decisions on projects to develop and support sustainable commercial fishing in the state.

Commissioners: Doug Cross – chair, Mike Blanton and Sam Romano

DMF Staff Lead: William Brantley – william.brantley@ncdenr.gov

Meeting Frequency: Meets two to three times a year

WRC/MFC JOINT COMMITTEE ON DELINEATION OF FISHING WATERS

Committee formed to help integrate the work of the two commissions as they fulfill their statutory responsibilities to jointly determine the boundaries that define North Carolina's Inland, Coastal and Joint Fishing Waters as the agencies go through a statutorily defined periodic review of existing rules.

MFC Commissioners: Rob Bizzell, Dr. Martin Posey and Pete Kornegay

DMF Staff Lead: Anne Deaton - anne.deaton@ncdenr.gov

Meeting Frequency: Meets as needed

SHELLFISH CULTIVATION LEASE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Three-member committee formed to hear appeals of decisions of the Secretary regarding shellfish cultivation leases issued under G.S. 113-202.

MFC Commissioners: Rob Bizzell

DMF Staff Lead: Jacob Boyd – jacob.boyd@ncdenr.gov

Meeting Frequency: Meets as needed

COASTAL HABITAT PROTECTION PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

The CHPP Steering Committee, which consists of two commissioners from the Marine Fisheries, Coastal Management and Environmental Management commissions reviews and approves the plan, recommendations, and implementation actions.

MFC Commissioners: Dr. Martin Posey, Pete Kornegay

DMF Staff Lead: Anne Deaton – anne.deaton@ncdenr.gov

Meeting Frequency: Meets as needed