

# Marine Fisheries Commission Business Meeting

## AGENDA

Teleconference via WebEx

May 14, 2020

*N.C.G.S. 138A-15(e) mandates at the beginning of any meeting of a board, the chair shall remind all members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest under Chapter 138. The chair also shall inquire as to whether there is any known conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the board at that time.*

*N.C.G.S. 143B-289.54.(g)(2) states a member of the Marine Fisheries Commission shall not vote on any issue before the Commission that would have a "significant and predictable effect" on the member's financial interest. For purposes of this subdivision, "significant and predictable effect" means there is or may be a close causal link between the decision of the Commission and an expected disproportionate financial benefit to the member that is shared only by a minority of persons within the same industry sector or gear group. A member of the Commission shall also abstain from voting on any petition submitted by an advocacy group of which the member is an officer or sits as a member of the advocacy group's board of directors. A member of the Commission shall not use the member's official position as a member of the Commission to secure any special privilege or exemption of substantial value for any person. No member of the Commission shall, by the member's conduct, create an appearance that any person could improperly influence the member in the performance of the member's official duties.*

*Commissioners having questions about a conflict of interest or appearance of conflict should consult with counsel to the Marine Fisheries Commission or the secretary's ethics liaison. Upon discovering a conflict, the commissioner should inform the chair of the commission in accordance with N.C.G.S. 138A-15(e).*

### Thursday, May 14

- 9:00 a.m. Meeting Overview – Lara Klibansky
- 9:10 a.m. Call to Order\*  
Conflict of Interest Reminder  
Roll Call  
**Approval of Agenda \*\***  
**Approval of Meeting Minutes\*\***
- 9:30 a.m. Chairman's Report  
Letters  
Ethics Training and Statement of Economic Interest Reminder  
2020 Meeting Schedule  
Commission Committee Assignments  
Committee Reports  
– Southern Regional Advisory Committee
- 10:00 a.m. Director's Report – Director Steve Murphey  
*Reports and updates on recent Division of Marine Fisheries activities*
- Division of Marine Fisheries Quarterly Update
  - **Recreational Hook and Line Modifications – Steve Poland\*\***
  - Informational Materials:
    - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission – Chris Batsavage
    - Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Chris Batsavage

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*\*\*Probable Action Items*

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- Informational Materials continued:
  - South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Steve Poland
  - Highly Migratory Species
  - Protected Resources Update
    - Observer Program
    - Incidental Take Permit Updates
  - Landings Update
    - Red Drum
    - Southern Flounder
  - Tarpon Rule Exemption for Piers

### 11:15 a.m. Fishery Management Plans

- Status of Ongoing Plans – Catherine Blum
- Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3 –Corrin Flora, Joe Facendola
  - Presentation on proposed Diamondback Terrapin Management Areas
  - Overview of Southern Regional Advisory Committee Recommendations
  - **Vote on final approval of Diamondback Terrapin Management Areas\*\***

### 12:15 p.m. Lunch Break

### 1:15 p.m. **Repacking of Foreign Crab Meat in North Carolina– Shannon Jenkins and Shawn Nelson\*\***

### 2:30 p.m. Rulemaking Update – Catherine Blum

- 2019/2020 rulemaking cycle
- 2020/2021 rulemaking cycle
- **Vote on Notice of Text for readoption of the seven MFC rules in 15A NCAC 18A .3400 (Coastal Recreational Waters Monitoring, Evaluation, and Notification), per G.S. 150B-21.3A \*\***

### 3:00 p.m. Rule Suspensions – Kathy Rawls

- **Vote on approval of the continued suspension of NCMFC Rule 15A NCAC 03M .0511 Bluefish.\*\***
- **Vote on approval of the continued suspension of NCMFC Rule 15A NCAC 03J .0103 (h) Gill Nets, Seines, Identification, Restrictions.\*\***
- **Vote on approval of the continued suspension of NCMFC Rule 15A NCAC 03R .0110 (4)(5) Crab Spawning Sanctuaries; 03L .0201 (a)(b) Crab Harvest Restrictions; 03L .0203 (a) Crab Dredging; 03J .0301 (g)(h) Pots.\*\***

### 3:30 p.m. Issues from Commissioners

### 3:45 p.m. Meeting Assignments and Preview of Agenda Items for August Meeting – Lara Klibansky

### 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

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