

**N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission
May 14, 2020 Business Meeting
Motions**

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Martin Posey to approve the agenda. Seconded by Doug Cross.

Roll Call Vote			
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Blanton	X		
Doug Cross	X		
Tom Hendrickson	X		
James Kornegay	X		
Robert McNeill	X		
Dr. Martin Posey	X		
Tom Roller	X		
Sam Romano	X		
Chairman Rob Bizzell	X		

Motion carries unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Pete Kornegay to approve the minutes of the February 2020 meeting.
Second by Doug Cross.

Roll Call Vote			
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Blanton	X		
Doug Cross	X		
Tom Hendrickson	X		
James Kornegay	X		
Robert McNeill	X		
Dr. Martin Posey	X		
Tom Roller	X		
Sam Romano	X		
Chairman Rob Bizzell	X		

Motion carries unanimously.

Recreational Hook and Line Modifications

Motion by Pete Kornegay that the Division develop an issue paper for rulemaking to require the use of barbless non-offset circle hooks when hook size relates to 2/0 or larger while using natural bait. In addition, barbs on treble hooks must be bent down. Seconded by Tom Roller.

Roll Call Vote			
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Blanton	X		
Doug Cross	X		
Tom Hendrickson	X		
James Kornegay	X		
Robert McNeill	X		
Dr. Martin Posey	X		
Tom Roller	X		
Sam Romano			X
Chairman Rob Bizzell	X		

Motion carries 8-0 with one abstention.

Diamondback Terrapin Management Areas

Motion by Sam Romano to reject the Diamondback Terrapin Management Area boundaries and use the state's resources to enhance data collection and experimentation to better understand Diamondback Terrapin population behavior and its relation to crab pot designs throughout the state. Seconded by Doug Cross.

Roll Call Vote			
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Blanton			X
Doug Cross	X		
Tom Hendrickson		X	
James Kornegay		X	
Robert McNeill		X	
Dr. Martin Posey		X	
Tom Roller		X	
Sam Romano	X		
Chairman Rob Bizzell		X	

Motion fails 2-7 with one abstention.

Repacking of Foreign Crab Meat in North Carolina

Motion by Sam Romano to accept the Diamondback Terrapin Management Area boundaries but reject the requirement for traditional bycatch reduction devices. Seconded by Doug Cross.

Roll Call Vote			
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Blanton			X
Doug Cross	X		
Tom Hendrickson		X	
James Kornegay		X	
Robert McNeill		X	
Dr. Martin Posey		X	
Tom Roller		X	
Sam Romano	X		
Chairman Rob Bizzell		X	

Motion fails 2-6 with one abstention.

Motion by Tom Roller to approve the Diamondback Terrapin Management Areas as presented by staff, including the adjusted boundaries. Seconded by Robert McNeill.

Roll Call Vote			
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Blanton			X
Doug Cross		X	
Tom Hendrickson	X		
James Kornegay	X		
Robert McNeill	X		
Dr. Martin Posey	X		
Tom Roller	X		
Sam Romano		X	
Chairman Rob Bizzell	X		

Motion carries 6-2 with one abstention.

Motion by Doug Cross to make it illegal to repack any imported crab meat in North Carolina into another container for resale in the State of North Carolina through the rulemaking process. Seconded by Tom Hendrickson.

Roll Call Vote			
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Blanton	X		
Doug Cross	X		
Tom Hendrickson	X		
James Kornegay	X		
Robert McNeill	X		
Dr. Martin Posey	X		
Tom Roller	X		
Sam Romano	X		
Chairman Rob Bizzell	X		

Motion passes unanimously.

Rulemaking

Motion by Martin Posey to approve notice of text and the corresponding fiscal analysis for the re-adoption of seven Marine Fisheries Commission rules in 15A NCAC 18A .3400 (Coastal Recreational Waters Monitoring, Evaluation, and Notification), per G.S. 150B-21.3A. Seconded by Doug Cross.

Roll Call Vote			
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Blanton	X		
Doug Cross	X		
Tom Hendrickson	X		
James Kornegay	X		
Robert McNeill	X		
Dr. Martin Posey	X		
Tom Roller	X		
Sam Romano	X		
Chairman Rob Bizzell	X		

Motion passes unanimously.

Rule Suspensions

Motion by Martin Posey to approve the continued suspension of the following Marine Fisheries Commission Rules:

- 15A NCAC 03M .0511 Bluefish
- 15A NCAC 03J .0103 (h) Gill Nets, Seines, Identification, Restrictions
- 15A NCAC 03R .0110 (4)(5) Crab Spawning Sanctuaries; 03L .0201 (a)(b) Crab Harvest Restrictions; and 03L .0203 (a) Crab Dredging; 03J .0301 (g)(h) Pots

Motion seconded by Tom Hendrickson.

Roll Call Vote			
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Blanton	X		
Doug Cross	X		
Tom Hendrickson	X		
James Kornegay	X		
Robert McNeill	X		
Dr. Martin Posey	X		
Tom Roller	X		
Sam Romano	X		
Chairman Rob Bizzell	X		

Motion carries unanimously.