

# Marine Fisheries Commission Business Meeting

## AGENDA

Teleconference via WebEx  
May 20, 2021

*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 20

9:00 a.m. Preliminary Matters

- Commission Call to Order\* - Rob Bizzell, Chairman
- Conflict of Interest Reminder
- Roll Call
- **Approval of Agenda \*\***
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes\*\***

9:15 a.m. Public Comment Period

9:45 a.m. Chairman's Report

- Letters and Online Comments
- Ethics Training and Statement of Economic Interest Reminder
- 2021 Meeting Schedule
- Commission Committee Assignments
- Committee Reports
  - Joint Meeting of the MFC Commercial Resources Fund Committee and the Funding Committee for the N. C. Commercial Fishing Resource Fund

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**\*\*Probable Action Items**

## Thursday, May 20 Continued...

- 10:00 a.m. Director's Report – Kathy Rawls  
*Reports and updates on recent Division of Marine Fisheries activities*
- CARES Act Update – Dee Lupton
  - South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update
    - Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 Update - Steve Poland
  - Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan
    - Amendment 2 Management Update
    - Amendment 3 Timeline Updates
  - Informational Materials:
    - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
    - Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update
    - Highly Migratory Species
    - Protected Resources Update
      - Observer Program
      - Incidental Take Permit Updates
    - Landings Updates
    - Rule Suspensions
- 11:30 a.m. Coastal Habitat Protection Plan
- Comments on CHPP Steering Committee Meeting– Commissioner Martin Posey
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. Catch U Later: Citizen Science Mobile Application Update – Andrew Cathey
- 1:30 p.m. Fishery Management Plans
- Status of ongoing plans – Corrin Flora
  - Amendment 2 to the Shrimp FMP – Chris Stewart, Jason Rock, Dan Zapf
    - Presentation of Draft Amendment 2
    - **Vote to approve draft Amendment 2 to the Shrimp FMP for review by the public and advisory committees\*\***
  - Interjurisdictional Fisheries FMP Update– Jason Rock
  - Amendment 2 of the Estuarine Striped Bass FMP Update – Charlton Godwin, Todd Mathes

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## Thursday, May 20 Continued...

- 3:45 p.m. Rulemaking – Catherine Blum
- 2019-2020 Rulemaking Cycle Update
  - 2020-2021 Rulemaking Cycle Update
  - 2021-2022 Rulemaking Cycle
    - “Package A”
      - **Vote on Notice of Text for readoption of rules per G.S. 150B-21.3A:**
        - **Rules with no changes in 15A NCAC 03I, 03J (11 rules) \*\***  
15A NCAC 03I .0108, .0115, .0122, 03J .0103, .0104, .0106, .0111, .0202, .0208, .0401, 0402
        - **Interjurisdictional species (8 rules) \*\***  
15A NCAC 03L .0207, .0301, .0302, 03M .0301, .0302, .0511, .0516, .0519
        - **Rules with minor changes relating to standards for handling, packing, and shipping crustacea meat (34 rules) \*\***  
15A NCAC 18A .0134, .0137-.0139, .0144, .0145, .0147-.0149, .0151-.0153, .0156-.0158, .0161, .0162, .0164-.0166, .0168, .0174-.0178, .0181-.0187, .0191
      - **Potential vote on Notice of Text for readoption of 15A NCAC 18A .0136, .0173 per G.S. 150B-21.3A and adoption of 15A NCAC 03L .0210 (prohibit repacking of foreign crab meat in North Carolina) \*\***
    - “Package B” Update
- 4:45 p.m. Issues from Commissioners
- 5:00 p.m. Meeting Assignments and Preview of Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Lara Klibansky
- 5:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

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