

**Marine Fisheries Commission
Business Meeting
Nov. 13-15, 2019
Motions**

Motion by Doug Cross to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Tom Hendrickson.
Motion carries with no objection.

Motion by Martin Posey to approve the minutes of August 2019 meeting. Motion seconded by Doug Cross
Motion carries without objection.

Delineation of Inland/Coastal Fishing Waters

Motion by Doug Cross that the Marine Fisheries Commission reject the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission recommendation of a 2.6 parts per thousand delineation line as it pertains to a boundary for inland and coastal waters and that we recommend staying at status quo on our current guidelines that we are at that our rules are already in place for.

Motion ruled out of order by chairman.

Motion by Martin Posey that the Marine Fisheries Commission support continuation of the joint discussion process as represented by the Wildlife Resources Commission/Marine Fisheries Commission Joint Committee on Delineation of Fishing Waters.

Motion seconded by Pete Kornegay.

Motion by Martin Posey to amend the previous motion so that it reads: that the Marine Fisheries Commission supports continuation of the joint discussion process as represented by the Wildlife Resources Commission/Marine Fisheries Commission Joint Committee on Delineation of Fishing Waters. These commissions should seek input from other impacted units including the Coastal Resources Commission, the Environmental Management Commission, as well as support from staff. Motion to amend seconded by Pete Kornegay.

Motion carries with two abstentions.

Nominees for Obligatory Seat for the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

Motion by Mike Blanton to send the following names to the governor for consideration as nominees for the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council obligatory seat:

- Dewey Hemilright, a commercial fisherman from Kitty Hawk and the current N.C. obligatory member on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
- Brent Fulcher, a dealer and vessel owner from New Bern
- Robert Ruhle, a commercial fisherman from Wanchese

Motion seconded by Doug Cross.

Motion carries with no dissention.

Study on How to Reduce User Conflicts Related to Shellfish Cultivation Leases

Motion by Martin Posey to accept the report regarding a study on reducing user conflicts related to shellfish cultivation leases as a guideline for moving forward. Motion seconded by Mike Blanton.

Motion carries 7-1 with one abstention

Revision to Meeting Agenda

Motion by Mike Blanton to move the Friday, 10 a.m. agenda item to 9 a.m. Motion seconded by Sam Romano.

Motion carries with no objection.

Draft Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3

Motion by Sam Romano to table the vote on the draft Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan until there is an updated stock assessment through 2019 data. Motion seconded by Mike Blanton.

Motion fails 2-4 with three abstentions.

Motion by Martin Posey to support the Division of Marine Fisheries recommendation for a minimum harvest reduction of 2.2% to achieve a sustainable harvest within ten years and end over fishing within two years in the blue crab fishery. Motion seconded by Tom Hendrickson.

Motion carries 8-1.

Motion by Sam Romano to accept the Blue Crab Advisory Committee recommendation for achieving sustainable harvest and ending overfishing. Motion seconded by Cameron Boltes.

Motion carries 7-1 with one abstention.

Motion by Mike Blanton to accept the Blue Crab Advisory Committee recommendation with the current cull ring set up and add Option 4C. Motion seconded by Doug Cross.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Martin Posey to leave in the existing rules established in 2016 and add Option 4C. Motion seconded by Mike Blanton.

Motion carries with no dissention.

Motion by Martin Posey to accept the Division of Marine Fisheries water quality recommendations. Motion seconded by Mike Blanton.

Motion carries with no dissention.

Motion by Mike Blanton to accept the Blue Crab Advisory Committee recommendation for spawning sanctuaries, with the addition of using the Division of Marine Fisheries recommendation for the Cape Fear River Inlet crab spawning sanctuary. Motion seconded by Doug Cross.

Motion carries 5-3 with one abstention.

Motion by Doug Cross to use science on locally specific pot funnel design to reduce terrapin interactions and identify individual areas with terrapin hotspots that would be closed to potting unless an excluder is used.

Motion seconded by Sam Romano.

Motion carries 7-1 with one abstention.

Motion by Sam Romano to adopt the Blue Crab Advisory Committee recommendation regarding dredging.
Motion seconded by Doug Cross.
Motion fails 2-5 with two abstentions.

Motion by Martin Posey to accept the Division of Marine Fisheries recommendation regarding crab dredging (Option 1A). Motion seconded by Pete Kornegay.
Motion carries 6-1 with two abstentions.

Motion by Martin Posey to accept Option 1D regarding oyster dredging. Motion seconded by Pete Kornegay.
Motion carries 6-1 with one abstention.

Motion by Robert McNeil to accept Option 2A regarding crab trawls in areas where shrimp trawls are already prohibited in the Pamlico, Pungo, and Neuse Rivers. Motion seconded by Cameron Boltes.
Motion carries 5-2 with one abstention.

Motion by Mike Blanton to send the draft Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3 to the Department of Environmental Quality secretary for review and comment. Motion seconded by Tom Hendrickson.
Motion carries with one dissention.

Periodic Review of Existing Rules

Motion by Mike Blanton to Approve a four-year schedule to readopt the Marine Fisheries Commission's rules in 15A NCAC 18A by June 30, 2024, as recommended by staff.
Motion seconded by Pete Kornegay.
Motion carries with no dissention