

**N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission
Nov. 19-20, 2020
Motions**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Sam Romano to approve the meeting agenda with the omission of the gill net issue paper.

Second by Mike Blanton.

Roll Call Vote				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	X			
Mike Blanton	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 3-6

Motion by Sam Romano to approve the agenda with the omission of the vote on small mesh gill net options.

Second by Mike Blanton

Roll Call Vote				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	X			
Mike Blanton	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 4-5

Motion by Tom Roller to approve the agenda.

Second by Robert McNeill

Roll Call Vote				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	X			
Mike Blanton		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 7-2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Pete Kornegay to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2020 meeting minutes.

Second by Martin Posey

Roll Call Vote				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	X			
Mike Blanton	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 by carries unanimously

NOMINEES FOR SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AND MID-ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AT-LARGE SEATS

Motion by Martin Posey to approve the following nominees for the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council at-large seats:

South Atlantic

- Jess Hawkins, retired fisheries manager, educator, and ecotour operator from Morehead City
- Chris Kimrey, charter boat captain from Morehead City
- Bob Lorenz, recreational angler and scuba diver from Wilmington
- Tom Roller, charter boat captain from Beaufort

Mid-Atlantic

- Sara Winslow, retired fisheries biologist and manager from Hertford and the current N.C. at-large member on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
- Anna Beckwith, guide service owner from Morehead City
- Bill Gorham, fishing lure manufacturer owner from Southern Shores

Second by Doug Cross

Roll Call Vote				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	X			
Mike Blanton	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 7-0 with 2 abstentions (Tom Roller recused himself from discussion)

SMALL MESH GILL NET RULES MODIFICATIONS

Issue: Implement yardage limits for small mesh gill nets <4 inch Inside Stretch Mesh (ISM)

Motion by Doug Cross to not pick a preferred option at this time, and that we ask DMF to address this issue from split geographical areas, that the specific needs in each of these areas so far as gear and gear amounts, including gill nets and hook and line, be looked at, and to look at gear amounts that are species specific regarding to each fishery, and to ask for a recommendation from stakeholder groups that include both commercial and recreational users.

Second by Mike Blanton

Motion amended by Doug Cross to not pick a preferred option at this time, that we ask the DMF to give us data on what gear and the amounts of gear are actually being used at directed species now commercially and a direct correlating data on the recreational fishery from the same areas.

Second by Mike Blanton

Roll Call Vote				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	X			
Mike Blanton	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 5-3 with one abstention

Issue: Modify attendance requirements south of Albemarle Sound

Motion by Tom Roller to select options 4, 8, and 9 as the preferred management options.

Second by Robert McNeill

Motion by Martin Posey to amend the previous motion by adding option 2 to the list.

Motion accepted as friendly amendment by Tom Roller and Robert McNeill

Motion as amended: to select options 2, 4, 8, and 9 as the preferred management options.

Roll Call Vote				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross		X		
Mike Blanton		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 5-4

Motion by Mike Blanton to add an option for Dec. 1-April 30 exception to any statewide attendance requirement.

Second by Sam Romano

Roll Call Vote				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	X			
Mike Blanton	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 5-3 with one abstention.

Issue: Specify when nets may be used and where they may be set

Motion by Tom Roller to consider options 1, 2, 5, 6, and 8 as preferred management.

Second by Pete Kornegay

Roll Call Vote				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross		X		
Mike Blanton		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 5-4

Motion by Doug Cross to consider option 7 as preferred management.

Second by Tom Hendrickson

Motion by Mike Blanton to amend the previous motion to add an option for an exemption to set time requirements from Dec. 1-April 30.

Motion accepted by Doug Cross and Tom Hendrickson.

Amended motion: to consider option 7 as preferred management and to add an option for an exemption to set time requirements from Dec. 1-April 30.

Roll Call Vote				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	X			
Mike Blanton	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

Issue: Modify the minimum allowable mesh size of gill nets

Motion by Mike Blanton to keep all four options as preferred management.

Second by Pete Kornegay

Roll Call Vote				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	X			
Mike Blanton	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 8-1

Issue: Implement yardage limits for small mesh gill nets <4 inch Inside Stretch Mesh (ISM), continued

Motion by Sam Romano to send all the options for all the issues to advisory committees for input, with preferred measures from the MFC indicated.

Second by Doug Cross

Roll Call Vote				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	X			
Mike Blanton	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

Motion by Tom Roller to consider options 8 and 9 for the yardage limits.

Second by Robert McNeill

Roll Call Vote				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross		X		
Mike Blanton	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 6-3

Motion by Mike Blanton to add an option for an exemption to yardage limits up to 2,000 yards that may be addressed by proclamation from Dec. 1-April 30.

Second by Sam Romano

Roll Call Vote				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	X			
Mike Blanton	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 5-4

GEAR RESTRICTIONS AS A MANAGEMENT TOOL FOR ARTIFICIAL REEFS IN STATE OCEAN WATERS

Motion by Tom Roller to begin the rulemaking process to protect all species from highly efficient gear on state ocean artificial reefs.

Second by Martin Posey

Roll Call Vote				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross		X		
Mike Blanton			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 5-3 with one abstention

PROHIBITING REPACKING OF FOREIGN CRAB MEAT IN NORTH CAROLINA

Motion by Doug Cross to choose option 2 on the crab meat repacking issue, as listed: Adopt MFC Rule 15A NCAC 03L .0210 that would prohibit the repacking of foreign crab meat. Also amend references to foreign crab meat in MFC Rules 15A NCAC 18A .0136 and .0173.

Second by Tom Hendrickson

Roll Call Vote				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	X			
Mike Blanton	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

SOUTHERN FLOUNDER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT 3: COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL SECTOR HARVEST ALLOCATIONS

Motion by Robert McNeill to consider commercial/recreational allocations in the Southern Flounder FMP Amendment 3 of 70/30, 65/35, 60/30 with 10% allotment for gigging, 60/40, and 50/50.

Second by Tom Roller

Roll Call Vote				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	X			
Mike Blanton	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 7-0 with 2 abstentions

RULEMAKING: COASTAL RECREATIONAL WATERS MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND NOTIFICATION

Motion by Tom Hendrickson to approve readoption of 15A NCAC .3401-.3407 as published in the *N.C. Register*, per G.S. 150B-21.3A.

Second by Martin Posey

Roll Call Vote				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	X			
Mike Blanton	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

RULE SUSPENSIONS

Motion by Martin Posey to approve the continued suspension of portions of rule 15A NCAC 03M .0301 (b)(2) and (3)(A)(B) King Mackerel.

Second by Tom Hendrickson

Roll Call Vote				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	X			
Mike Blanton	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