

MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING
Doubletree by Hilton University Brownstone, Raleigh, N.C.
Aug. 19-21, 2015

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).

Aug. 19

6 p.m. Public Meeting
Receive public comment relative to any fisheries management issues

Aug. 20

9 a.m. Call to Order*/Invocation
Conflict of Interest Reminder
Roll Call
Vote on Approval of Agenda**
Vote on Approval of Meeting Minutes**

9:15 a.m. Public Comment
Receive public comment relative to any fisheries management issues

11:15 a.m. Chairman's Report
Review administrative actions and issues from the chair

- Letters
- Ethics Training Reminder
- 2015 Meeting Schedule Reminder
- 2016 Proposed Meeting Schedule
- **Election of Vice Chair****

11:30 a.m. Issues from Commissioners

11:45 a.m. Committee Reports
Review and consideration of action items from committee meetings

- Sea Turtle
- Habitat and Water Quality
- Oyster and Hard Clam Fishery Management Plans

11:50 a.m. SCFL Eligibility Report/Set Eligibility Pool Cap – Jack Holland
Each year the commission must set a cap on the number of Standard Commercial Fishing Licenses in the License Eligibility Pool.

- **Set Eligibility Pool Cap****

Noon Lunch Recess

1:30 p.m. Tagging Program – Mike Loeffler and Amy Comer (Presentation)

2:15 p.m. Division of Marine Fisheries Annual Stock Status Report – Lee Paramore

2:30 p.m. Fishery Management Plans – Catherine Blum

- Annual Fishery Management Plan Update

2:45 p.m. Blue Crab Traffic Light Assessment Update – Jason Rock (Presentation)
Receive information on second year of traffic light assessment update

- 3:45 p.m. Interjurisdictional Fishery Management Plan Information Update – Michelle Duval and Katy West (Presentation)
Receive presentation of draft information update and public review processes
- **Vote on public review of information update****
- 4:15 p.m. Kingfish Fishery Management Plan Information Update – Beth Egbert and Kevin Brown (Presentation)
Receive presentation of draft information update and public review processes
- **Vote on public review of information update****
- 5 p.m. Recess

Aug. 21

- 8:30 a.m. Supplement A to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 1 – Tom Wadsworth and Chris Stewart
- Public Comment Summary
 - Review of Supplement Proposals
 - **Vote to select preferred management options and give approval of Supplement A****
- 10 a.m. Fishery Management Plan Schedule – Catherine Blum
- **Vote on five-year schedule****
- 10:15 a.m. Rulemaking – Catherine Blum
- 2015/2016 Rulemaking Cycle Update
- 10:25a.m. Rule Suspensions – Kathy Rawls
The commission must vote to continue suspension of the following rule(s):
- **Vote on Rule Suspension for Portions of 15A NCAC 03M .0301 Spanish Mackerel****
- 10:30 a.m. Director's Report
Reports and updates on recent Division of Marine Fisheries activities
- Legislative Update
 - Budget Update
 - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
 - Informational Materials (No Verbal Updates)
 - Rule Suspension Notices/No Action Required
 - Fishery Management Plan Review
 - Budget report/sales update on Standard Commercial Fishing License Fee Increase
 - Quota Update
 - Protected Resources Update
 - Observer Program
 - Incidental Take Permits
 - Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update
 - South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update
 - Highly Migratory Species
 - Landings Update
 - Southern Flounder
 - Red Drum
- 11:30 a.m. Issues from Commissioners
- 11:45 a.m. Meeting Assignments and Preview of Agenda Items for November Meeting – Nancy Fish
- Noon Adjourn

2015 Meeting Dates

Feb. 18-20 Hilton Riverside, Wilmington
Aug. 19-21 Hilton Brownstone, Raleigh

May 20-22 Hilton Riverfront, New Bern
Nov. 18-20 Jennette's Pier, Nags Head

** Times indicated are merely for guidance. The commission will proceed through the agenda until completed.*

****Potential Action Items**