

MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING
Doubletree by Hilton University Brownstone Hotel, Raleigh, N.C.
Aug. 16-17, 2017

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. 16

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| 2 p.m. | Call to Order* |
| | Conflict of Interest Reminder |
| | Roll Call |
| | Approval of Agenda** |
| | Approval of Meeting Minutes** |
| 2:15 p.m. | Chairman's Report |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letters• Ethics Training Reminder• 2017 Meeting Schedule Reminder• 2018 Proposed Meeting Schedule• Election of Vice Chair** |
| 2:45 p.m. | Director's Report – Director Braxton Davis |
| | <i>Reports and updates on recent Division of Marine Fisheries activities</i> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Division of Marine Fisheries Quarterly Update• Legislative Update• Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission – Michelle Duval and Chris Batsavage• Informational Materials<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Landings Update– Protected Resources Update<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Observer Program○ Incidental Take Permit Updates– Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update– South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update– Highly Migratory Species |
| 4 p.m. | Committee Reports |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategic Habitat Area – Region 4 |
| 6 p.m. | Public Comment Period |

Aug. 17

- 8:30 a.m. SCFL Eligibility Report/Set Eligibility Pool Cap – Major Jason Walker
Each year the commission must set a cap on the number of Standard Commercial Fishing Licenses in the License Eligibility Pool
- **Vote on setting cap on number of licenses in the Eligibility Pool****
- 9 a.m. Landings Overview – Stephanie McInerny, Alan Bianchi and Chris Wilson
- 9:30 a.m. Blue Crab Traffic Light Assessment Update – Jason Rock
- 10 a.m. Stock Status Report – Tina Moore
- Red Drum Update- Lee Paramore
- 11 a.m. Fishery Management Plan Update – Catherine Blum
- Status of Ongoing Plans
 - Fishery Management Plan Annual Review
 - **Vote on Five-Year Schedule****
- 11:30 p.m. Rulemaking Update – Catherine Blum
- Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules
 - **Vote to approve final report on 15A NCAC 03Q .0100 rules, per G.S. 150B-21.3A****
 - **Vote to approve final report on all other 15A NCAC 03 rules, per G.S. 150B-21.3A****
 - **Vote to approve final report on 15A NCAC 10C .0100 rules, per G.S. 150B-21.3A and contingent on approval by the Wildlife Resources Commission****
- 11:45 a.m. Rules Suspensions – Kathy Rawls
The commission must vote to continue suspension of the following rule(s)
- **Vote on continued suspension of 15A NCAC 03M .0301****
- Noon Issues from Commissioners
- 12:30 p.m. Meeting Assignments and Preview of November Agenda Items – Nancy Fish
- 12:45 p.m. Adjourn

2017 Meeting Dates

Feb. 15-16	Hilton Wilmington Riverside, Wilmington
May 17-18	BridgePointe Hotel and Marina, New Bern
Aug. 16-17	Brownstone, Raleigh
Nov. 15-16	Hilton Garden Inn, Kitty Hawk

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

***Potential Action Items*