

Motions
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Meeting
Aug. 16-17, 2017

Agenda approved by consensus.

Minutes from May 2017 meeting approved by consensus.

Election of Vice-Chair

Motion by Alison Willis to nominate Mark Gorges as vice chairman. Second by Janet Rose.

Motion by Brad Koury to nominate Chuck Laughridge as vice chairman of the Marine Fisheries Commission. Second by Rick Smith.

Chuck Laughridge is elected vice chairman by a majority vote of the commission.

Standard Commercial Fishing License Eligibility Pool

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to make 1,500 licenses available in the SCFL eligibility pool for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Second by Alison Willis.

Motion carries 7-1.

Fishery Management Plan (FMP) 5-year Schedule

Motion by Janet Rose to approve the 5-year FMP schedule as presented by staff. Second by Alison Willis.

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to amend the Rose motion to place in the following order these FMPs: Southern Flounder, to begin as soon as the peer reviewed stock assessment is completed; Estuarine Striped Bass, to pursue this FMP no earlier than 2019, assuming a supplement is in place addressing issues in the Central-Southern Management Area with the approval of the NCWRC; Blue Crab, to begin as scheduled, Spotted Seatrout, to begin in 2020; Shrimp, to begin as soon as the three-year study is complete, and no later than February 2018. All other FMPs as presented by the NCDMF.

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to table the motion. Second by Mike Wicker.

Motion carries 5-1 with one abstention.

Motion by Rick Smith to ask the director of the NCDMF to request that the NCDEQ secretary allow the NCMFC to move forward with a supplement to the Striped Bass FMP to adjust the recreational and commercial takes of the Central Southern Striped Bass, with the exception of the Cape Fear River system, by reducing the commercial takes from 25,000 pounds to 2,500 pounds and the recreational limit to 1 fish between 24 inches and 26 inches. Seconded by Chuck Laughridge.

Motion carries 5-2.

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to take from the table the previous tabled action. Second by Rick Smith.

Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to amend the Rose motion to place in the following order these FMPs: Southern Flounder, to begin as soon as the peer reviewed stock assessment is completed; Estuarine Striped Bass, to pursue this FMP no earlier than 2019, assuming a supplement requested by the MFC is in place addressing issues in the Central-Southern Management Area; Blue Crab, to begin as scheduled, Spotted Seatrout, to begin in 2019-2020; Shrimp, to begin as soon as the three-year study is complete, and no later than February 2018. All other FMPs as presented by the NCDMF. Second by Rick Smith.

Motion to amend carries 5-3

Motion to approve by Chuck Laughridge. Second by Rick Smith.

Motion carries 5-3.

Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules Process

Motion by Mike Wicker to approve the final report on 15A NCAC 03Q .0100 rules, per G.S. 150B-21.3A.

Second by Mark Gorges.

Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to approve the final report on all other 15A NCAC 03 rules, per G.S. 150B-21.3A. Second by Alison Willis.

Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Mike Wicker 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. Second by Chuck Laughridge.

Motion carries unanimously.

Rule Suspension

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to continue the rule suspension on Spanish Mackerel. Second by Alison Willis.

Motion carries unanimously.