

MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING
Doubletree by Hilton University Brownstone Hotel, Raleigh, N.C.
Aug. 15-16, 2018

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. 15

- 2 p.m. Swearing in of New Commissioners – N.C. Secretary of State Elaine Marshall
Call to Order*
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Review Ethics Evaluations for New Commissioners
Conflict of Interest Reminder
Roll Call
Approval of Agenda**
Approval of Meeting Minutes**
- 2:30 p.m. Chairman's Report
- Letters
 - Ethics Training/Statement of Economic Interest Reminder
 - 2018 Meeting Schedule
 - 2019 Proposed Meeting Schedule
 - **Elect Vice Chair****
- 2:45 p.m. Committee Reports
- Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee
 - Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee
 - Northern Advisory Committee
 - Southern Advisory Committee
 - Finfish Advisory Committee
 - N.C. Commercial Fishing Resource Fund Committees
- 2:50 p.m. Director's Report - Steve Murphey
- Division of Marine Fisheries' Quarterly Update
 - South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update - Steve Poland
 - Highly Migratory Species Update - Steve Poland
 - Informational Materials:
 - Landings Update for Red Drum and Southern Flounder
 - Protected Resources Update
 - Observer Program
 - Incidental Take Permit Annual Reports
- 4:15 p.m. Stock Overview Report – Lee Paramore

6 p.m. Public Comment Period

Aug. 16

- 8:30 a.m. Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Update – Chris Batsavage
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Chris Batsavage
- 8:45 a.m. Standard Commercial Fishing License Eligibility Report/Set Eligibility Pool Cap – Capt. Carter Witten and Stephanie McInerny
- **Vote on setting temporary cap on the number of licenses in the Eligibility Pool****
- 9:15 a.m. Fishery Management Plans – Catherine Blum
- Status of ongoing plan reviews
 - 2017 Fishery Management Plan Review
 - Streamlining fishery management plan documents
 - **Vote on five-year schedule****
- 10 a.m. Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan – Jason Rock and Corrin Flora
- Amendment 2 (current plan)
 - Blue Crab Traffic Light Annual Assessment
 - Amendment 3 (under development)
 - Review timeline
 - **Vote on approval of goal and objectives****
 - Solicit input from commission on management and sustainable harvest issues
- 11 a.m. Striped Mullet Fishery Management Plan Amendment 1
- Stock assessment update – Laura Lee
 - Review Division of Marine Fisheries and Advisory Committee preferred management recommendations – Dan Zapf and Tracey Bauer
 - **Vote on possible management measures****
- 11:30 a.m. Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2 Update – Mike Loeffler
- 11:45 a.m. Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules – Catherine Blum
- 15A NCAC 03 Rules
 - Update on 2018-2019 rulemaking cycle
 - Development of 2019-2020 rulemaking cycle
 - 15A NCAC 18A Rules
 - **Vote to approve final report on 15A NCAC 18A .0100, .0300-.0900, and .3400 rules, per G.S. 150B-21.3A****
- 12:15 Rules Suspensions – Kathy Rawls
The commission must vote to continue suspension of the following rule(s)
- **Vote on continued rule suspension of portions of N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03M .0301 Spanish and King Mackerel ****
- 12:30 p.m. Issues from Commissioners
- 12:45 p.m. Meeting Assignments and Preview of Agenda Items for November Meeting – Nancy Fish
- 1 p.m. Adjourn

2018 Meeting Dates

Feb. 14-15 Wrightsville Beach May 16-17 New Bern
Aug. 15-16 Raleigh Nov. 14-15 Kitty Hawk

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

***Potential Action Items*