

Marine Fisheries Commission Business Meeting AGENDA

Courtyard by Marriott Jacksonville, NC
August 17-18, 2022

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).

Wednesday, August 17th

4:00 p.m. Commissioner Orientation – Lara Klibansky
6:00 p.m. Public Comment Period

Thursday, August 18th

9:00 a.m. Preliminary Matters

- Swearing in of New Commissioners
- Commission Call to Order* – Rob Bizzell, Chairman
- Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
- Review Ethics Evaluations of New Commissioners
- Conflict of Interest Reminder
- Roll Call
- **Approval of Agenda ****
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes****

9:10 a.m. Public Comment Period

9:40 a.m. Chairman's Report

- Letters and Online Comments
- Ethics Training and Statement of Economic Interest Reminder
- 2022 Meeting Schedule
- 2023 Proposed Meeting Schedule
- Ethics Liaison Appointment
- **Elect Vice Chair****
- Committee Reports

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***Probable Action Items*

Thursday, August 18th continued...

- 10:40 a.m. Director's Report – Kathy Rawls
Reports and updates on recent Division of Marine Fisheries activities
- Division of Marine Fisheries Quarterly Update
 - Federal Economic Assistance Programs Update – Dee Lupton
 - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Update – Chris Batsavage
 - Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Chris Batsavage
 - South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Trish Murphey
 - Climate Change Scenario Planning Workshop Overview – Lara Klibansky
 - Shellfish Lease Program Update – Owen Mulvey-McFerron
 - Coastal Habitat Protection Plan Updates – Anne Deaton
 - Incidental Take Permit Overview – Barbie Byrd
 - Informational Materials:
 - Marine Patrol Update
 - Protected Resources Update
 - Observer Program
 - Incidental Take Permit Updates
 - Landings Updates
 - Rule Suspensions
- 11:40 p.m. Standard Commercial Fishing License Eligibility Report/Set Eligibility Pool Cap – Capt. Garland Yopp
- **Vote on setting temporary cap on the number of licenses in the Eligibility Pool****
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break**
- 1:00 p.m. Annual Fisheries Management Plan Review – Brandi Salmon, Lee Paramore, Steve Poland
- 1:45 p.m. Fishery Management Plans
- Status of ongoing plans – Corrin Flora
 - 2022 Fishery Management Plan Review
 - **Vote on final approval of River Herring FMP Information Update****
 - Amendment 2 to the Estuarine Striped Bass FMP – Charlton Godwin, Todd Mathes, Nathaniel Hancock, Joe Facendola
 - **Vote of final approval of Amendment 2****
- 3:00 p.m. Rulemaking Update – Catherine Blum
- 2020-2021 Annual Rulemaking Cycle
 - “Package B” Update
 - 2021-2022 Annual Rulemaking Cycle
 - “Package A” Update
 - “Package B” Update

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- “Package C” Update
- 2022-2023 Annual Rulemaking Cycle – Catherine Blum, Shannon Jenkins
 - **Vote on Notice of Text to amend “Mutilated Finfish” Rule (15A NCAC 03M .0101)****
 - **Vote on Notice of Text to readopt “Marinas, Docking Facilities, and Other Mooring Areas” Rule (15A NCAC 18A .0911) per G.S. 150B-21.3A****

3:30 p.m. Issues from Commissioners

4:00 p.m. Meeting Assignments and Preview of Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Lara Klibansky

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

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