

**N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission**

**Aug. 17-18, 2022**

**Motions**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Mike Blanton to approve the agenda.

Second by Robert McNeill

Motion passes unanimously

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Tom Roller to approve the minutes of the May 25-26, 2022 and the June 23, 2022 meetings

Second by Doug Cross

Motion passes unanimously

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

Mike Blanton nominated Doug Cross for vice chairman.

Tom Roller nominated Robert McNeil for vice chairman.

Votes for Cross: 5

Votes for McNeil: 1

**DOLPHIN**

Motion by Tom Roller that the NC Marine Fisheries Commission write a letter to the South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council stating that we are supportive of the current management measures under the Amendment 10, as we do not believe that the proposed management measures are equitable to North Carolina. Additionally, we support further assessment of climate and other impacts to these stocks.

Second by Robert McNeill

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>				
<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Doug Cross	x			
Mike Blanton	x			
Donald Huggins	x			
Robert McNeill	x			
Doug Rader	x			
Tom Roller	x			
Ana Shellem	x			
Chairman Rob Bizzell	x			

Motion passes unanimously

**FALSE ALBACORE**

Motion by Tom Roller to update the 2017 false albacore white paper and to frame potential management options for future consideration.

Second by Doug Rader

ROLL CALL VOTE				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	x			
Mike Blanton	x			
Donald Huggins	x			
Robert McNeill	x			
Doug Rader	x			
Tom Roller	x			
Ana Shellem	x			
Chairman Rob Bizzell	x			

Motion passes unanimously

**COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE ELLIGIBILITY POOL**

Motion by Mike Blanton to set the temporary cap on the number of licenses in the Eligibility Pool at 500.  
Second by Doug Cross

ROLL CALL VOTE				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	x			
Mike Blanton	x			
Donald Huggins	x			
Robert McNeill	x			
Doug Rader	x			
Tom Roller	x			
Ana Shellem	x			
Chairman Rob Bizzell	x			

Motion passes unanimously

**RIVER HERRING 5-YEAR REVIEW**

Motion by Tom Roller to adopt the North Carolina River Herring 2022 Annual Review to serve as the 5-year review as an information update  
Second by Doug Rader

ROLL CALL VOTE				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	x			
Mike Blanton	x			
Donald Huggins	x			
Robert McNeill	x			
Doug Rader	x			
Tom Roller	x			
Ana Shellem	x			
Chairman Rob Bizzell	x			

Motion passes unanimously

## Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2

Motion by Doug Cross to remove the temporary closure to gill nets above the ferry lines in Amendment 2 to the Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan, and that the rest of the plan be passed as presented.

Second by Mike Blanton

Substitute motion by Tom Roller to approve the Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2 as passed at the May 2022 meeting, and that DMF will collect data sufficient to analyze the gill net closure by the next amendment.

Second by Robert McNeill

ROLL CALL VOTE				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross		x		
Mike Blanton		x		
Donald Huggins		x		
Robert McNeill	x			
Doug Rader		x		
Tom Roller	x			
Ana Shellem		x		
Chairman Rob Bizzell	x			

Motion fails 3-5

Motion by Doug Cross to remove the temporary closure to gill nets above the ferry lines in Amendment 2 to the Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan, and that the rest of the plan be passed as presented.

Second by Mike Blanton

ROLL CALL VOTE				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	x			
Mike Blanton	x			
Donald Huggins	x			
Robert McNeill		x		
Doug Rader	x			
Tom Roller		x		
Ana Shellem		x		
Chairman Rob Bizzell		x		

Motion fails 4-4

Motion by Mike Blanton to not approve the Estuarine Striped Bass Amendment 2.

Second by Doug Cross

Substitute Motion by Ana Shellem to table the discussion until the November meeting.

Seconded by Donald Huggins

ROLL CALL VOTE				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	x			
Mike Blanton	x			
Donald Huggins	x			
Robert McNeill	x			
Doug Rader	x			
Tom Roller		x		
Ana Shellem	x			
Chairman Rob Bizzell	x			

Motion passes 7-1

**NOTICE OF TEXT FOR RULEMAKING – MUTILATED FINFISH RULE**

Motion by Mike Blanton to approve Notice of Text for Rulemaking for the proposed amended “Mutilated Finfish” Rule 15A NCAC 03M .0101 and associated fiscal analysis.

Second by Doug Cross

ROLL CALL VOTE				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	x			
Mike Blanton	x			
Donald Huggins	x			
Robert McNeill	x			
Doug Rader	x			
Tom Roller	x			
Ana Shellem	x			
Chairman Rob Bizzell	x			

Motion passes unanimously

**NOTICE OF TEXT FOR RULEMAKING – MARINAS, DOCKING FACILITIES, AND OTHER MOORING AREAS RULE**

Motion by Mike Blanton to approve Notice of Text for Rulemaking for the proposed readopted “Marinas, Docking Facilities, and Other Mooring Areas” Rule 15A NCAC 18A .0911 per G.S. 150B-21.3A, and associated fiscal analysis.

Second by Tom Roller

ROLL CALL VOTE				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Doug Cross	x			
Mike Blanton	x			
Donald Huggins	x			
Robert McNeill	x			
Doug Rader	x			
Tom Roller	x			
Ana Shellem	x			
Chairman Rob Bizzell	x			

Motion passes unanimously