

Marine Fisheries Commission Business Meeting

AGENDA

Hilton North Hills Raleigh, NC
August 23 - 25, 2023

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 23rd

4:00 p.m. Commissioner Orientation – Lara Klibansky

6:00 p.m. Public Comment Period

Thursday, August 24th

9:00 a.m. Public Comment Period

9:30 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
- Remarks by Department of Environmental Quality Secretary Biser
- **Approval of Agenda ****
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes****

9:50 a.m. Chairman's Report

- Letters and Online Comments
- Ethics Training and Statement of Economic Interest Reminder
- 2023 Meeting Schedule
- 2024 Proposed Meeting Schedule
- **Elect Vice Chair****
- Advisory Committee Workshop Update – Lara Klibansky

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***Probable Action Items*

Marine Fisheries Commission Business Meeting Agenda

- 10:30 a.m. Director's Report – Director Kathy Rawls
Reports and updates on recent Division of Marine Fisheries activities
- Division of Marine Fisheries Quarterly Update
 - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Update – Chris Batsavage
 - Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Chris Batsavage
 - South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Trish Murphey
 - License and Statistics Section Update – Brandi Salmon
 - Shellfish Sanitation and Recreational Water Quality Update – Shannon Jenkins
 - Habitat and Enhancement Section Update – Jacob Boyd
 - Shellfish Lease Program Update – Owen Mulvey-McFerron
 - Coastal Habitat Protection Plan Updates – Anne Deaton
 - OTSS Progress Report & ITP Update – Barbie Byrd
 - Marine Patrol Update – Carter Witten
 - Informational Materials:
 - Protected Resources Memo & Reports
 - Rule Suspensions
- 11: 30 a.m. Standard Commercial Fishing License Eligibility Report– Capt. Garland Yopp, Chearin Lewis
- **Vote on setting temporary cap on the number of licenses in the Eligibility Pool****
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break**
- 1:30 p.m. Shellfish Rehabilitation Program Overview – Jason Peters
- 2:00 p.m. Annual Fisheries Management Plan Review – Brandi Salmon, Lee Paramore, Steve Poland
- 2:30 p.m. Fishery Management Plans
- Status of ongoing plans – Corrin Flora
 - Striped Mullet FMP Update – Jeff Dobbs, Willow Patten, Dan Zapf
 - Amendment 1 to the Spotted Seatrout FMP – Lucas Pensinger, Jason Rock, Laura Lee
 - Update on FMP Development
- 4:00 p.m. Recess
- Friday, August 25th**
- 9:00 a.m. Fishery Management Plans Continued
- Amendment 2 to the Estuarine Striped Bass FMP Update – Nathaniel Hancock, Charlton Godwin
- 10:00 a.m. Rulemaking Issues - Phillip Reynolds
- **CRC Floating Structure Rule****
 - **Mutilated Finfish Rule****
 - **Joint Rules****
- 11:00 a.m. Rulemaking Update – Catherine Blum
- 2023-2024 Annual Rulemaking Cycle Update
 - 2024-2025 Annual Rulemaking Cycle Preview
- 11:30 a.m. Issues from Commissioners
- 12:15 p.m. Meeting Assignments and Preview of Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Lara Klibansky
- 12:30 p.m. Adjourn**

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