

Marine Fisheries Commission Business Meeting

AGENDA

Hilton Raleigh North Hills; Raleigh, NC

August 21-23, 2024

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 21, 2024

6:00 p.m. Public Comment Period

Thursday, August 22, 2024

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 ****

9:45 a.m. Chairman's Report

- Letters and Online Comments
- Ethics Training and Statement of Economic Interest Reminder
- 2025 Proposed Meeting Schedule

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****Probable Action Items**

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- **Elect Vice Chair ****

- 10:30 a.m. Director's Report – *Kathy Rawls*
- Reports and updates on recent Division of Marine Fisheries activities
 - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Update – *Chris Batsavage*
 - Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – *Chris Batsavage*
 - South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – *Trish Murphey*
 - Section Updates – *Zach Harrison, Shannon Jenkins, Brandi Salmon, Col. Carter Witten, Jason Rock*
 - Informational Materials
 - Protected Resources Update Memo
- 11:15 a.m. Carcass Collection Program and N.C. Saltwater Fishing Tournament – *Amanda Macek*
- 11:45 a.m. Standard Commercial Fishing License Eligibility Report/Set Eligibility Pool Cap – *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. Annual Fishery Management Plan Updates – *Charlton Godwin, Brandi Salmon*
- 2:30 p.m. Fishery Management Plans
- Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3 Adaptive Management Update – *Robert Corbett, McLean Seward*
 - Oyster/Clam fishery management plans update – *Joe Facendola, Bennett Paradis, Jeff Dobbs, Lorena de la Garza*
 - Spotted Seatrout Fishery Management Plan Amendment 1
 - Presentation of Draft Amendment 1 – *Lucas Pensinger, Melinda Lambert*
 - **Vote on approval of draft Amendment 1 for Public and Advisory Committee Review ****
 - Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3
 - Stock Assessment Update – *Anne Markwith, Holly White*
 - 2023 Landings Update – *Anne Markwith, Holly White*

Friday, August 23, 2024

- 9:00 a.m. **Rule Suspensions **** – *Jason Rock*
- 9:15 a.m. Rulemaking – *Catherine Blum*
- 2023-2024 Rulemaking Cycle Update
 - 2024-2025 Rulemaking Cycle
 - **Vote on Notice of Text for Rulemaking for amendment of 15A NCAC 03J .0301 to Simplify Pot Marking Requirements ****
 - **Vote on Notice of Text for Rulemaking for adoption of 15A NCAC 03M .0523 for False Albacore Management ****

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- **Vote on Notice of Text for Rulemaking for adoption of 15A NCAC 03O .0601-.0606 for Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact ****

9:45 a.m. Submerged Aquatic Vegetation and N.C.'s Management Framework – *Charlie Deaton*
10:30 a.m. Multi-Species Tagging Program – *Ami Staples*
11:15 a.m. Issues from Commissioners
11:30 p.m. Meeting Assignments and Preview of Agenda Items for Next Meeting – *Jesse Bissette*
11:45 p.m. Adjourn

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