

MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING
Blockade Runner, Wrightsville Beach, N.C.
Feb. 14-15, 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).

Feb. 14

- 2 p.m. Call to Order*
 Conflict of Interest Reminder
 Roll Call
 Approval of Agenda**
 Approval of Meeting Minutes**
- 2:15 p.m. Chairman's Report
- Letters
 - Ethics Training Reminder
 - 2018 Meeting Schedule
- 2:30 p.m. Director's Report - Director Steve Murphey
- Division of Marine Fisheries Quarterly Update
 - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission – Michelle Duval and Chris Batsavage
 - Update on 2018 Recreational Cobia Season and Development of Reporting Program – Steve Poland
 - Informational Materials
 - Rule Suspension Notices/No Action Required
 - Landings Update for Red Drum and Southern Flounder
 - Protected Resources Update
 - Observer Program
 - Incidental Take Permit Updates
 - Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update
 - South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update
 - Highly Migratory Species
 - Minutes from the Funding Committee for the N.C. Commercial Fishing Resource Fund

- 4 p.m. Potential Solutions to Address Shellfish Lease Conflicts – Steve Murphey and Anne Deaton
- Area Restrictions
 - Navigation Hazards
- 6 p.m. Public Comment Period
- Feb. 15**
- 8:30 a.m. Committee Reports
- Standard Commercial Fishing License Eligibility Requirements Committee
 - **Vote on committee recommendations****
 - Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee
 - Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee
- 9:30 a.m. Documenting Unsold Standard Commercial Fishing License Catch – Stephany McInerny and Col. Dean Nelson
- 10 a.m. Fishery Management Plan Update – Catherine Blum
- 10:15 a.m. Final Striped Mullet Data Analysis and Recommendations – Dan Zapf and Tracey Bauer
- 10:45 a.m. Southeast Regional Southern Flounder Stock Assessment – Laura Lee and Mike Loeffler
- 11:45 a.m. Rulemaking Update – Catherine Blum
- Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules
 - **Vote to approve re-adoption schedule for portion of 15A NCAC 03 rules****
 - **Vote to approve draft report on 15A NCAC 18A .0100, .0300 - .0900 and .3400 rules to proceed to public notice, per G.S. 150B-21.3A****
- Noon Issues from Commissioners
- 12:15 p.m. Meeting Assignments and Preview of May Agenda Items – Nancy Fish
- 12:45 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*