

**MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center, Williamston N.C.**  
**Feb. 20-21, 2019**

*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. 20**

6 p.m.            Public Comment Period

**Feb. 21**

9 a.m.            Call to Order\*  
Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance  
Conflict of Interest Reminder  
Roll Call

**Approval of Agenda\*\***  
**Approval of Meeting Minutes\*\***

9:15 a.m.        Public Comment Period

10:15 a.m.      Chairman's Report

- Letters
- Ethics Training and Statement of Economic Interest Reminder
- 2019 Meeting Schedule
- Commission Committee Assignments
- Wildlife Resources and Marine Fisheries Commission's Joint Committee on Delineation of Fishing Waters
- **Discussion and Endorsement of Proposed Legislative Changes\*\***
- Illustration of Definition of Overfished and Overfishing
- Fiscal Analysis of Rules Associated with N.C. Wildlife Federation's Petition for Rulemaking
- Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2  
*Continued discussion from November meeting on goals and objectives for the next plan amendment*
- Open Meetings Law Overview – Shawn Maier

Noon             Lunch Break

1:30 p.m.        Committee Reports

- N.C. Commercial Fishing Resource Fund Committee – William Brantley
- Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee
- Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee
- Coastal Recreational Fishing License Advisory Committee

1:45 p.m.        Director's Report – Director Steve Murphey  
*Reports and updates on recent Division of Marine Fisheries activities*

- Division of Marine Fisheries Quarterly Update
- Ongoing Status of Rule Development to Clarify Standard Commercial Fishing License Transfers and Assignments – Stephanie McInerny
- Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission – Chris Batsavage
- Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Chris Batsavage
- South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update - Steve Poland
- Highly Migratory Species – Randy Gregory
  - Update on bluefin tuna season/quotas
- Informational Materials
  - Landings Update for Red Drum and Southern Flounder
  - Protected Resources Update
    - Observer Program
    - Incidental Take Permit Updates
  - Rules Suspension Update
  - Report on January 2018 Cold Stun Impact on Spotted Seatrout

4 p.m.

Rulemaking Update – Catherine Blum

- Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules per G.S. 150B-21.3A
  - 15A NCAC 18A report update
  - 15A NCAC 03 rule readoption update
    - 2018-2019 annual rulemaking cycle
    - 2019-2020 annual rulemaking cycle – tarpon rule issue paper

**Feb. 22**

9 a.m.

Fishery Management Plans

- Status of ongoing plans– Catherine Blum
- Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3 Update – Jason Rock and Corrin Flora
- Supplement A to the Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan Amendment 1 - Charlton Godwin
 

*Review temporary management measure for a no possession limit for striped bass in the Central Southern Management Area to protect important year classes while the next plan amendment is being developed*

  - **Vote on supplement\*\***

11 a.m.

Coastal Habitat Protection Plan Overview and Implementation – Jimmy Johnson

11:30 a.m.

Issues from Commissioners

11:45 a.m.

Meeting Assignments and Preview of Agenda Items for May Meeting – Nancy Fish

Noon

Adjourn

*\* Times indicated are merely for guidance. The commission will proceed through the agenda until completed.*

*\*\*Potential Action Items*