

**Motions
NC Marine Fisheries Commission
Feb. 22-23, 2024**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

<p>Motion by Commissioner Roller to approve the meeting agenda.</p> <p>Second by Commissioner Rader.</p> <p>Motion passed without dissention.</p>	
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<p>Motion by Commissioner Roller to approve the minutes of the November 2023 business meeting.</p> <p>Second by Commissioner Rader.</p> <p>Motion passed without dissention.</p>	
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

<p>Motion by Commissioner Rader to approve the MFC Conservation Funding Committee recommendation to support the request by the DMF for a disbursement of funding equaling \$40,000 from the Conservation Fund to provide support for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Edenton National Fish Hatchery to produce Phase II striped bass for stocking in the Albemarle Sound.</p> <p>Per the Chair, second not needed, as it came out of MFC committee.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #e1eef6;"> <th colspan="6">ROLL CALL VOTE</th> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #e1eef6;"> <th>Member</th> <th>Aye</th> <th>Nay</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> <th>Absent</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Bethea</td><td>☒</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>Blanton</td><td>☒</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>Corbett</td><td>☒</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>Gardner</td><td>☒</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>Huggins</td><td>☒</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>McNeill</td><td>☒</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>Rader</td><td>☒</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>Roller</td><td>☒</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>Bizzell</td><td>☒</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	ROLL CALL VOTE						Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent	Bethea	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	Blanton	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	Corbett	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	Gardner	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	Huggins	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	McNeill	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	Rader	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	Roller	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	Bizzell	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
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**FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS
STRIPED MULLET FMP AMENDMENT 2**

<p>Motion by Commissioner Corbett to select the DMF's preferred management options for the Striped Mullet FMP Amendment 2 as the MFC's preferred management options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sustainable Harvest:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Option 5: Combination of Measures: 5.n (day of week closure Jan-Sept Sat-Sun; Oct-Dec Sat-Mon). ○ Option 6: Stop Net Fishery Management: 6.a (Status quo). ○ Option 10: Adaptive Management Framework. • <u>Recreational Fishery:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Option 1: Recreational Vessel and Bag Limit: 1.c (100-fish bag, 400-fish vessel) ○ Option 2: For Hire Vessel and Bag Limit: 2.c (exception for bag limit for number of anglers fishing up to 400-fish maximum including in advance of a trip). <p>Second by Commissioner Roller.</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #e1eef6;"> <th colspan="6">ROLL CALL VOTE</th> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #e1eef6;"> <th>Member</th> <th>Aye</th> <th>Nay</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> <th>Absent</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Bethea</td><td>☒</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>Blanton</td><td>☒</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>Corbett</td><td>☒</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>Gardner</td><td>☒</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>Huggins</td><td>☒</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>McNeill</td><td>☒</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>Rader</td><td>☒</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>Roller</td><td>☒</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>Bizzell</td><td>☒</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	ROLL CALL VOTE						Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent	Bethea	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	Blanton	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	Corbett	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	Gardner	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	Huggins	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	McNeill	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	Rader	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	Roller	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	Bizzell	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
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SHRIMP FMP AMENDMENT 2 IMPLEMENTATION

<p>Motion by Commissioner Roller to have the DMF carry a recommendation from the MFC to the Commercial Fishing Resource Fund to take up as much as this funding as they could for a shrimp trawl observer program.</p> <p>Second by Commissioner McNeill.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #e1eef6;"> <th colspan="6">ROLL CALL VOTE</th> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #e1eef6;"> <th>Member</th> <th>Aye</th> <th>Nay</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> <th>Absent</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Bethea</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>Blanton</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>Corbett</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>Gardner</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>Huggins</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>McNeill</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>Rader</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>Roller</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> <tr><td>Bizzell</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	ROLL CALL VOTE						Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent	Bethea	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Blanton	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Corbett	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Gardner	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Huggins	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	McNeill	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Rader	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Roller	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Bizzell	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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<p>Substitute motion by Commissioner Gardner that the MFC would look for multiple sources of funding and methods of monitoring that may be less expensive for a shrimp trawl observer program, in addition to the Commercial Fishing Resource Fund.</p> <p>Second by Commissioner Rader.</p> <p>Substitute motion passes 7-1-1 and becomes the main motion.</p>	ROLL CALL VOTE					
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<p>Regarding "Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Protection Through Shrimp Trawl Area Closures Issue Paper," motion by Commissioner Corbett to refer the issue paper to the Northern and Southern regional and Shellfish/Crustacean advisory committees for their input.</p> <p>Second by Commissioner Blanton.</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously.</p>	ROLL CALL VOTE					
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RULEMAKING

<p>Motion by Commissioner Roller to select Option 3 as the MFC preferred management option and associated proposed language for rulemaking for "False Albacore Management" issue paper.</p> <p>Second by Commissioner McNeill.</p> <p>Motion passes 5-4.</p>	ROLL CALL VOTE					
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<p>Motion by Commissioner Blanton to select Option 2 as the MFC preferred management option and associated proposed language for rulemaking for "Simplify Pot Marking Requirements" issue paper.</p> <p>Second by Commissioner Corbett.</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously.</p>	ROLL CALL VOTE					
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Motion by Commissioner Corbett to request the Rules Review Commission waive the 210-day requirement for the Marine Fisheries Commission to submit a temporary rule to the Rules Review Commission based on the effective date of Session Law 2023-137, Section 6, per N.C.G.S. 150B-21.1(a2).

Second by Commissioner Huggins.

Motion passes unanimously.

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