

Marine Fisheries Commission Business Meeting

MEETING AGENDA

Hilton Garden Inn; Kitty Hawk, NC

March 12-13, 2025

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, March 12, 2025

2:00 p.m. Public Comment Period

2:30 p.m. Preliminary Matters

- Commission Call to Order* – *Sammy Corbett, Chairman*
- Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
- Conflict of Interest Reminder
- Roll Call
- **Approval of Agenda ****
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes ****

2:40 p.m. Chairman's Report

- Letters and Online Comments
- Ethics Training and Statement of Economic Interest Reminder

2:45 p.m. Director's Report – *Kathy Rawls*

3:00 p.m. Rulemaking – *Catherine Blum*

- 2023-2024 Rulemaking Cycle Update
- 2024-2025 Rulemaking Cycle
 - **Vote on final adoption of amendment of 15A NCAC 03J .0301 to Simplify Pot Marking Requirements ****
 - **Vote on final adoption of 15A NCAC 03M .0523 for False Albacore Management ****

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***Probable Action Items*

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

- 4:00 p.m. Oyster Fishery Management Plan Amendment 5
- Review public comment and AC recommendations – *Joe Facendola, Bennett Paradis*
 - **Select preferred management options ****
- 5:00 p.m. Hard Clam Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3
- Review public comment and AC recommendations – *Lorena de la Garza, Jeff Dobbs*
 - **Select preferred management options ****
- 6:00 p.m. Public Comment Period

Thursday, March 13, 2025

- 9:00 a.m. 2024 Southern Flounder Preliminary Landings Update – *Anne Markwith, Holly White*
- 9:30 a.m. Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 4
- Presentation of Draft Amendment 4 – *Jeff Dobbs*
 - **Vote on approval of draft Amendment 4 for Public and Advisory Committee Review ****
- 10:30 p.m. Spotted Seatrout Fishery Management Plan Amendment 1 – *Lucas Pensinger, Melinda Lambert*
- **Vote on Final Adoption of Amendment 1 ****
- 12:00 p.m. Issues from Commissioners
- 12:30 p.m. Meeting Assignments and Preview of Agenda Items for Next Meeting – *Jesse Bissette*
- 12:45 p.m. Adjourn

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