

**MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING**  
**BridgePointe Hotel, New Bern, N.C.**  
**May 17-18, 2017**

*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).*

**May 17**

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| 2 p.m.    | Call to Order*<br>Invocation<br>Conflict of Interest Reminder<br>Roll Call<br><b>Vote on Approval of Agenda**</b><br><b>Vote on Approval of Meeting Minutes**</b>  |
| 2:15 p.m. | Chairman's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Letters</li><li>• Ethics Training Reminder</li><li>• 2017 Meeting Schedule Reminder</li></ul>  |
| 2:30 p.m. | Director's Report – Director Braxton Davis<br><i>Reports and updates on recent Division of Marine Fisheries activities</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Division of Marine Fisheries Quarterly Update</li><li>• Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission – Chris Batsavage</li><li>• Protected Resources Update – Chris Batsavage<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Observer Program</li><li>– Incidental Take Permit Updates</li></ul></li><li>• Informational Materials<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Landings Update</li><li>– Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update</li><li>– South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update</li><li>– Highly Migratory Species</li><li>– Annual Fish Dealer Report</li><li>– Annual Fisheries Bulletin</li></ul></li></ul> |
| 3 p.m.    | Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commercial Fishing Resource Fund Committees</li><li>• Strategic Habitat Area – Region 4</li></ul>  |
| 6 p.m.    | Public Comment Period  |

**May 18**

- 9 a.m. Cobia Management – Michelle Duval and Steve Poland
- 9:30 a.m. Fishery Management Plan Update – Catherine Blum
- Status of ongoing plans
- 9:45 p.m. Rulemaking Update – Catherine Blum
- 2016/2017 rulemaking cycle
  - 2017 rulebook supplement
  - Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules
    - **Vote to approve draft report on 15A NCAC 10C .0100 rules to proceed to public notice, per G.S. 150B-21.3A\*\***
- 10 a.m. Rules Suspensions – Kathy Rawls
- The commission must vote to continue suspension of the following rule(s)*
- **Vote on continued suspension of Rule 15A NCAC 03M .0516 COBIA \*\***
- 10:15 a.m. Issues from Commissioners
- 10:45 a.m. Meeting Assignments and Preview of August Agenda Items – Nancy Fish
- 11 a.m. Adjourn

**2017 Meeting Dates**

- Feb. 15-16** Hilton Wilmington Riverside, Wilmington
- May 17-18** BridgePointe Hotel and Marina, New Bern
- Aug. 16-17** Brownstone, Raleigh
- Nov. 15-16** Hilton Garden Inn, Kitty Hawk

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

*\*\*Potential Action Items*