

MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING
Hilton Riverfront, New Bern, N.C.
May 16-17, 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).

May 16

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| 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letters• Ethics Training Reminder• 2018 Meeting Schedule |
| 2:30 p.m. | Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee• Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee• Habitat and Water Quality Advisory Committee• Southern Regional Advisory Committee |
| 2:40 p.m. | Director's Report - Director Steve Murphey <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Division of Marine Fisheries Quarterly Update• Coastal Recreational Fishing License Fund Disbursement Procedures – Beth Govoni• Land or Sell License – Dee Lupton• Standard Commercial Fishing License Assignments – Dee Lupton• Standard Commercial Fishing License Transfers – Dee Lupton• Target Species and Bycatch Reporting – Stephanie McInerny• Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission – Chris Batsavage• Informational Materials:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Rule Suspension Notices/No Action Required– Landings Update for Red Drum and Southern Flounder– Protected Resources Update<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Observer Program○ Incidental Take Permit Annual Reports– Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update |

- South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update
 - Highly Migratory Species
 - Annual Fish Dealer Report
 - Annual Fisheries Landings Bulletin
- 4 p.m. Stock Assessment 101 – Laura Lee
- 6 p.m. Public Comment Period
- May 17**
- 8:30 a.m. Fishery Management Plan Update – Catherine Blum
- 8:45 a.m. Blue Crab Stock Assessment – Dr. Yan Li and Jason Rock
- 9:45 a.m. Shrimp Bycatch Reduction Industry Workgroup Results and Recommendations – Kevin Brown
- **Possible vote on promising configurations for mandatory use****
- 10:45 a.m. Potential Solutions to Address Shellfish Lease Conflicts – Mike Graven and Anne Deaton
- 11:15 a.m. Triploid Oysters – Steve Murphey
- 11:30 a.m. Region 4 Strategic Habitat Area Nominations – Casey Knight
- **Vote on nominations for Region 4 Strategic Habitat Areas for inclusion in the Coastal Habitat Protection Plan****
- Noon Rulemaking Update – Catherine Blum
- 2018/2019 rulemaking cycle
 - **Vote on 2018/2019 Notice of Text for Rulemaking to Readopt Rules per G.S. 150B-21.3A****
- Review and vote on the following proposed rules and associated fiscal analyses for Notice of Text for Rulemaking to readopt rules per G.S. 150B-21.3A, Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules*
- Conforming Changes to For-Hire Licenses, 15A NCAC 03O .0112
 - Readoption of a Portion of Rules in 15A NCAC 03I, 03J, 03K, 03L, 03M, 03O, and 03R
- 12:15 p.m. Issues from Commissioners
- 12:45 p.m. Meeting Assignments and Preview of August Agenda Items – Nancy Fish
- 1 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*