

**Motions**  
**N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission**  
**May 16-17, 2018**

Agenda approved by consensus.

Minutes from Feb. 14-15, 2018 meeting approved by consensus.

**Coastal Recreational Fishing License Advisory Committee**

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to request the chair appoint an advisory committee consisting of the three recreational seats of the Marine Fisheries Commission and the science seat of the Marine Fisheries Commission to provide advice on the projects and grants issued using Coastal Recreational Fishing License trust funds. This committee should be involved from the beginning to the end of the grant process. Second by Rick Smith.

Motion carries 8-0.

**Land or Sell Permit**

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to send a letter to the governor and the legislature asking that they institute a land or sell permit for NC residents who hold federal permits. We recommend that the amount not exceed the total cost of a standard commercial fishing license. Second by Cameron Boltes.

Motion carries 6-0 with 2 abstentions.

**NCFa vs. NCMFC Litigation**

Motion by Chuck Laughridge that the commission go into closed session pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the commission's counsel regarding ongoing litigation in the matter of NCFa vs. NCMFC, et. al. Second by Pete Kornegay.

Motion carries with no opposition.

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to go back into open session. Second by Alison Willis.

Motion carries with no opposition.

**Shrimp Bycatch Reduction Industry Workgroup Results and Recommendations**

Motion by Pete Kornegay to direct the director of the Division of Marine Fisheries to acquire independent peer reviews (from peer reviewers who have had no association with the study whatsoever) of all reports on the three-year study which considered gear modifications to reduce bycatch in the North Carolina shrimp trawl fishery. Second by Cameron Boltes.

Motion carries 5-0 with 3 abstentions

Motion by Cameron Boltes to:

- Continue the NC shrimp industry workgroup and explore funding options
  - Require shrimp trawls, with the exception of skimmer trawls, fishing the inside waters where greater than 90-foot headrope length is required to use a gear combination that has been studied and achieves at least a 40 percent finfish bycatch reduction (to be implemented July 1, 2019)
  - Following peer review of workgroup study, re-evaluate results and continue bycatch reduction study with industry workgroup
  - Task the division to implement a survey to gather information on current bycatch reduction devices used by the industry
  - Begin development of Amendment 2 to the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan
- Second by Chuck Laughridge.

Motion carries 8-0.

#### **Region 4 Strategic Habitat Areas**

Motion by Janet Rose to approve the nominations for Region 4 Strategic Habitat Areas for inclusion in the Coastal Habitat Protection Plan. Second by Pete Kornegay.

Motion carries 7-0 with one abstention.

#### **Rulemaking**

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to approve the 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 for Conforming Changes to For-Hire Licenses. Second by Alison Willis.

Motion carries with no opposition.

Motion by Janet Rose to approve the 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 for Readoption of a Portion of Rules in 15A NCAC 03I, 03J, 03K, 03L, 03M, 03O, and 03R. Second by Rick Smith.

Motion carries with no opposition.