

**MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Courtyard by Marriott, Jacksonville, N.C.**  
**May 15-17, 2019**

*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 15**

6 p.m.            Public Comment Period

**May 16**

9 a.m.            Call to Order\*  
Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance  
Conflict of Interest Reminder  
Roll Call

**Approval of Agenda\*\***  
**Approval of Meeting Minutes\*\***

9:15 a.m.        Public Comment Period

10:15 a.m.      Chairman's Report

- Letters
- Ethics Training and Statement of Economic Interest Reminder
- 2019 Meeting Schedule
- Recreational Hook-n-Line Modifications

11:15 a.m.      Committee Reports

- Wildlife Resources and Marine Fisheries Commission's Joint Committee on Delineation of Fishing Waters – Chairman Bizzell
- Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee
- Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee
- N.C. Commercial Fishing Resource Fund Committee

Noon             Lunch Break

1:30 p.m.        Director's Report – Director Steve Murphey  
*Reports and updates on recent Division of Marine Fisheries activities*

- Division of Marine Fisheries Quarterly Update
- Ongoing Status of Rule Development to Clarify Standard Commercial Fishing License Transfers and Assignments – Stephanie McInerny
- Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission – Chris Batsavage
- Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Chris Batsavage
- South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update - Steve Poland
- Highly Migratory Species – Randy Gregory
- Informational Materials
  - Landings Update for Red Drum and Southern Flounder

- Protected Resources Update
    - Observer Program
    - Incidental Take Permit Updates
  - Rules Suspension Update
- 3 p.m. Biological Data Collection Programs and Sampling Design – Lee Paramore  
 4 p.m. Stock Assessment Fundamentals– Laura Lee

**May 17**

- 9 a.m. Fishery Management Plans
- Status of ongoing plans– Catherine Blum
  - Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3 Update – Jason Rock and Corrin Flora
  - Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2 - Mike Loeffler and Anne Markwith
- Receive draft goal and objectives and division recommendation for an amendment to implement management measures to end overfishing of the southern flounder stock.*
- **Vote on Goal and Objectives of Amendment 2\*\***
  - **Vote to send Amendment 2 out for advisory committee and public review and comment\*\***
- 11 a.m. Rulemaking Update – Catherine Blum
- Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules per G.S. 150B-21.3A
    - 15A NCAC 18A report update
    - 15A NCAC 03 rule readoption update
      - 2018-2019 annual rulemaking cycle
    - 2019-2020 Annual Rulemaking Cycle
  - Rules Supplement – April 1, 2019
- 11:30 a.m. Issues from Commissioners  
 11:45 a.m. Meeting Assignments/Preview of Agenda Items for August Meeting – Nancy Fish  
 Noon Adjourn

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

*\*\*Potential Action Items*