Motions N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Business Meeting May 15-17, 2019

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to accept agenda, allowing the chairman to move non-action items as needed for time management. Second by Brad Koury.

Motion carries with no dissention.

Motion by Doug Cross to accept the minutes of the Feb. 20-22, 2019 meeting and the March 13, 2019 special meeting. Second by Chuck Laughridge.

Motion carries with no dissention.

Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2

Motion by Pete Kornegay to accept the goal and objectives of draft Amendment 2 to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan as presented by the Division of Marine Fisheries. Second by Cameron Boltes.

Motion carries with no dissention.

Motion by Tom Hendrickson to send draft Amendment 2 as presented by the division to the advisory committees and out for public comment with the addition of data pertaining to a partial moratorium. Second by Chuck Laughridge.

Motion carries 7-2.

Motion by Doug Cross to amend the previous motion to include the following measure as an option in draft Amendment 2: All hook and line gear directed at the capture of southern flounder be restricted to one barbless circle hook, including gear for live bait, cut bait, artificial bait (including all plastic and rubber baits, spoons, mirror lure type baits and any other artificial bait, regardless of type), and that each setup (rod and reel or hand line) has only one rig per setup. This measure will stay in place until the completion and implementation of the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3. Second by Sam Romano.

Motion fails 2-5 with two abstentions.