

Marine Fisheries Commission Business Meeting

AGENDA

Beaufort Hotel, Beaufort, NC
May 25-26, 2022

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).

Wednesday, May 25th

6:00 p.m. Public Comment Period

Thursday, May 26th

9:00 a.m. Preliminary Matters

- Commission Call to Order* - Rob Bizzell, Chairman
- Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
- Conflict of Interest Reminder
- Roll Call
- **Approval of Agenda ****
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes****

9:10 a.m. Public Comment Period

9:40 a.m. Chairman's Report

- Letters and Online Comments
- Ethics Training and Statement of Economic Interest Reminder
- 2022 Meeting Schedule
- Commission Committee Assignments
- Committee Reports
 - Northern Regional & Southern Regional Advisory Committees
 - Finfish Standing Advisory Committee

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***Probable Action Items*

Thursday, May 26th continued

- Joint Meeting of the MFC Commercial Resources Fund Committee and the Funding Committee for the N. C. Commercial Fishing Resource Fund

10:00 a.m. Director's Report

Reports and updates on recent Division of Marine Fisheries activities

- Division of Marine Fisheries Quarterly Update - Kathy Rawls, Director
- Federal Economic Assistance Programs Update – Dee Lupton
- Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission & Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Chris Batsavage
- South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Trish Murphey
- Marine Patrol Update – Col. Carter Witten
- Shellfish Lease Program Update – Jacob Boyd
- Flounder Symposium Update – Mike Loeffler
- Blue Catfish Update – Janelle Johnson
- CHPP Implementation – Jacob Boyd
- Informational Materials:
 - MFC Workplan
 - Protected Resources Update and Reports
 - Landings Updates

11:20 p.m. Stock Assessments 101 – CJ Schlick

11:40 p.m. Fishery Management Plans

- Status of ongoing plans – Corrin Flora
 - **Vote on final approval of the N.C. FMP for Interjurisdictional Fisheries****
- Striped Mullet Stock Assessment Report – Laura Lee, Dan Zapf, Morgan Paris, Jeff Dobbs

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Fishery Management Plans Continued...

- Amendment 2 to the Estuarine Striped Bass FMP Update – Charlton Godwin, Todd Mathes, Nathaniel Hancock, Joe Facendola
 - **Vote to select preferred management options****
- Amendment 3 to the Southern Flounder FMP – Mike Loeffler, Anne Markwith
 - **Vote on final approval of Amendment 3****

3:30 p.m. **Rule Suspensions – Steve Poland****

3:50 p.m. Rulemaking Update – Catherine Blum

- 2020-2021 Rulemaking Cycle

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Thursday, May 26th continued

- 2021-2022 Rulemaking Cycle
 - “Package A”
 - “Package B”
 - Review outcome of RRC review.
 - **Possible vote on revision of 15A NCAC 03O .0114 and .0209****
 - “Package C”
 - 2022-2023 Rulemaking Cycle Preview
- 4:00 p.m. Joint Rulemaking Update – Shawn Maier
- **Vote on concurrence with 11 Wildlife Resources Commission joint rules (15A NCAC 10C .0100 rules)****
- 4:10 p.m. Issues from Commissioners
- 4:50 p.m. Meeting Assignments and Preview of Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Lara Klibansky
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn**

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