

**N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission**  
**May 25-26, 2022**  
**Motions**

Motion by Martin Posey to approve the meeting agenda.

Second by Robert McNeil

Motion carries unanimously

Motion by Tom Roller to approve the minutes of the February 23-25, 2022 and the March 8, 2022 meetings.

Second by Robert McNeil

Motion carries unanimously

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**2022 INTERJURISDICTIONAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

Motion by Tom Roller to approve the 2022 Fishery Management Plan for Interjurisdictional Fisheries Information Update.

Second by Doug Cross

Motion carries without dissention.

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**DRAFT ESTUARINE STRIPED BASS FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT 2**

Motion by Sam Romano to reinstate the original gill net rules for the Appendix 3, Management Option 2, and to make it the preferred management option.

Second by Doug Cross

Substitute motion by Tom Roller to keep the current prohibition of gill nets above the ferry lines and that the DMF study the effects of the gill net closure and reevaluate it at the next full amendment review.

Second by Robert McNeil

Friendly amendment by Martin Posey, accepted by Tom Roller and Robert McNeil, to clarify that this research be conducted, preferably within two years, and this closure be addressed based on that study.

Substitute motion with friendly amendment

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>				
<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Doug Cross		X		
Mike Blanton		X		
Tom Hendrickson	X			
Robert McNeill	X			
Dr. Martin Posey	X			
Tom Roller	X			
Sam Romano		X		
Chairman Rob Bizzell	X			

Motion carries 5-3

Motion by Tom Roller to keep the current prohibition of gill nets above the ferry lines and that the Division of Marine Fisheries study the effects of the gill net closure and reevaluate it at the next full amendment review. This research will be conducted, preferably, within two years, and this closure be addressed based on that study.

Second by Robert McNeil

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>				
<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Doug Cross		X		
Mike Blanton		X		
Tom Hendrickson	X			
Robert McNeill	X			
Dr. Martin Posey	X			
Tom Roller	X			
Sam Romano		X		
Chairman Rob Bizzell	X			

Motion carries 5-3

Motion by Tom Roller to accept the Division of Marine Fisheries' recommendations for the fishery management plan amendment, as modified with the above motion.

Second by Robert McNeil

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>				
<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Doug Cross		X		
Mike Blanton		X		
Tom Hendrickson	X			
Robert McNeill	X			
Dr. Martin Posey	X			
Tom Roller	X			
Sam Romano		X		
Chairman Rob Bizzell	X			

Motion carries 5-3

Motion by Tom Roller to send Draft Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3 to DEQ Secretary.

Second by Rob McNeil

Motion carries without dissention

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### **SOUTHERN FLOUNDER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT 3**

Motion by Doug Cross Motion to give final approval to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3 as presented.

Second by Martin Posey

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>				
<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Doug Cross	X			
Mike Blanton	X			
Tom Hendrickson	X			
Robert McNeill		X		

Dr. Martin Posey	X			
Tom Roller		X		
Sam Romano			X	
Chairman Rob Bizzell			X	

Motion carries 4-2 with 2 abstentions

## **RULE SUSPENSIONS**

Motion by Mike Blanton to suspend portions of the following rules for an indefinite period:

- 15A NCAC 03M .0515 DOLPHIN, Section (a)(2)
- 15A NCAC 03L .0105 Recreational Shrimp Limits, Section 2

Second by Tom Hendrickson

Motion carries with no dissention

## **RULEMAKING**

Motion by Doug Cross to approve the revised versions of 15A NCAC 03O .0114 and 03O .0209 as presented by DMF staff, pursuant to the May 20, 2022 North Carolina Rules Review Commission objection letter.

Second by Martin Posey

Motion carries with no dissention

Motion by Tom Hendrickson to concur with the 11 Wildlife Resources Commission's joint rules in 15A NCAC 10C .0100.

Second by Martin Posey

Motion carries with no dissention

Motion by Martin Posey for Chairman Bizzell to write a letter to the Commissioner of Agriculture regarding moving forward with appropriate action on crab meat labeling concern.

Second by Robert McNeil

Motion carries unanimously