

Motions
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission
May 22-24, 2024

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Motion by Commissioner Roller to approve the meeting agenda.
 Second by Commissioner Huggins.
 Motion passed without dissention.

Motion by Commissioner Roller to approve the minutes of the February 2024 business meeting.
 Second by Commissioner Hobgood.
 Motion passed without dissention.

FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

STRIPED MULLET FMP AMENDMENT 2

Motion by Commissioner Roller to adopt the N.C. Striped Mullet Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2 and to change the commercial weekend closure times from 6 p.m. Friday to 11:59 p.m. Friday through 12:01 a.m. Monday from January 1 through September 30 and 12:01 a.m. Tuesday October 1 through December 31, as specified in Amendment 2, instead of 6 a.m. Fish must be landed by the closure time.

Second by Commissioner Hobgood.

Motion passed unanimously.

	ROLL CALL VOTE				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Bethea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blanton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corbett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gardner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hobgood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Rader	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bizzell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SHRIMP FMP AMENDMENT 2 IMPLEMENTATION ITEM UPDATE

<p>Regarding the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment 2 “Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Protection Through Shrimp Trawl Area Closures” issue paper, motion by Commissioner Rader to accept the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) recommendation that it is advantageous to examine issues and develop management actions related to the broader conservation of Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) habitat conservation. Therefore, action to address SAV protection under the Shrimp FMP Amendment 2 has concluded. The Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC) requests the DMF work with the MFC’s Habitat and Water Quality Advisory Committee to examine and develop more comprehensive options to protect identified SAV habitat related to all activities under the authority of the MFC, consistent with the N.C. Coastal Habitat Protection Plan.</p> <p>Second by Commissioner Gardner.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	ROLL CALL VOTE					
	Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
	Bethea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Blanton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Hobgood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Rader	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Roller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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ATLANTIC BONITO MANAGEMENT (ISSUE FROM COMMISSIONER)

<p>Motion by Commissioner Roller to request the DMF develop an issue paper for Atlantic bonito management, including landings information and proposed rule language, using the previous sheepshead issue paper as a model to follow.</p> <p>Second by Commissioner Hobgood.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	ROLL CALL VOTE					
	Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
	Bethea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Blanton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Corbett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Gardner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Rader	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Roller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bizzell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(End of actions on May 23, 2024)

RULEMAKING

2023-2024 RULEMAKING CYCLE

Motion by Commissioner Rader to give final approval to:

- amend 15A NCAC 03I .0113, 03O .0101, .0109, .0112, .0301 for Data Collection and Harassment Prevention for the Conservation of Marine and Estuarine Resources;
- amend 15A NCAC 03R .0117 for Oyster Sanctuary Changes;
- amend or repeal 15A NCAC 03I .0101, 03K .0101, .0104, .0301, .0401, .0403, .0405, 03O .0201, .0501, .0503, 18A .0901, .0906 for Conforming Changes for Shellfish Relay Program and Shellfish Leases and Franchises; and
- amend 15A NCAC 03K .0110 and 18A .0302 for Conforming Changes for Shellfish Sanitation.

Second by Commissioner Hobgood.

Motion approved 5-4.

	ROLL CALL VOTE				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
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2024-2025 RULEMAKING CYCLE

Motion by Commissioner Roller to endorse the management option and associated proposed language for rulemaking for "Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact Issue Paper" for development of the fiscal analysis of proposed rules.

Second by Commissioner Rader.

Motion passed unanimously.

	ROLL CALL VOTE				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Bethea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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UPDATE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE VESSEL STRIKE REDUCTION RULE

Motion by Commissioner Corbett for the MFC to send a letter expressing concern about the proposed rule addressing vessel strikes on North Atlantic Right Whales.

Second by Commissioner Hobgood.

Motion passed 6-0 with 3 abstentions.

	ROLL CALL VOTE				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Bethea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blanton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(Meeting adjourned on May 24, 2024)