

Motions
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission
Nov. 14-16, 2018

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to approve agenda with modification. Second by Brad Koury.
Motion approved with no opposition.

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to approve minutes of the August 2018 meeting. Second by Pete Kornegay.
Motion approved with no opposition.

Policy on Scientific Uncertainty

Motion by Rob Bizzell to readdress tabled motion on Marine Fisheries Commission policy that was tabled at the August 2018 meeting.

Pete Kornegay withdrew his original motion and Chuck Laughridge withdrew his second.

South Atlantic Council Nominations

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to approve the following nominees for the North Carolina Obligatory Seat on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council:

- Robert (Tim) Griner
- Brian (Scott) Buff
- Samuel (Sammy) Corbett
- Jack Cox

Second by Doug Cross.

Motion carries with no opposition.

Striped Bass in the Central Southern Management Area

Motion by Cameron Boltes to authorize staff to develop temporary management measures to supplement the N.C. Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan with a no possession limit in the Central Southern Management Area to protect important year classes while the next plan amendment is being developed. Second by Pete Kornegay.

Motion carries 6-3.

Summer Flounder Commercial Issues Amendment

Motion by Doug Cross to recommend that the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission remain at status quo pertaining to the coastwide commercial allocation of summer flounder. Second by Sam Romano.

Motion carries unanimously.

Rulemaking

Motion by Tom Hendrickson to give final approval of readoption of the following rules per G.S. 150B-21.3A, Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules:

- Conforming changes to For-hire License Requirements, 15A NCAC 03O .0112
- Readoption of a Portion of Rules in 15A NCAC 03I, 03J, 03K, 03L, 03M, 03O and 03R including changes since publication in the North Carolina Register to 15A NCAC 03I .0120; 03J .0102, .0203, .0204, .0304, .0306; 03K .0504, as presented

Second by Doug Cross

Motion carries unanimously.

Shrimp Fishery Management Plan/Goals and Objectives

Motion by Chuck Laughridge that the Marine Fisheries Commission goals and objectives for the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan include the following:

- Reduce takes and interactions of non-targeted species and threatened species by curtailing actual effort
- Limit trawling in the Pamlico Sound to 3 days per week
- Reduce tow times to be consistent with improving survival of non-target and endangered species
- Continue to minimize bycatch and enhance the economic value of shrimp
- Change the requirement for a second BRD to a rule instead of proclamation
- Reduce maximum headrope to 110 feet and delay the season until a count of 60 or greater
- Promote habitat enhancement and provide environmental quality necessary to improve the shrimp resource to revisions to NC nursery areas and expansion of existing nursery areas
- Revision of nursery areas with an updated look at secondary nursery areas with expansion of secondary nursery areas based on revised environmental and biological data
- Implement research and education programs to allow a better understanding of the public, industry and consumers of the shrimp bycatch impact on fish population dynamics
- Require shrimp trawl bycatch reduction at the tow level, which is labor saving to industry, but also to address mortality at the population levels of finfish. We must address shrimp trawl bycatch at the population level prior to any additional reliance on mechanical means

Second by Pete Kornegay.

Motion by Tom Hendrickson to table the previous motion to the next meeting.

Second by Doug Cross.

Motion carries 5-4.

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to discuss his prior motion no later than the February meeting, and if there is a special called meeting, that it be discussed then. Second by Pete Kornegay.

Motion carries 5-4.