

MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING
Jennette's Pier in Nags Head, N.C.
Nov. 18-20, 2015

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).

Nov. 18

6 p.m. Public Meeting
Receive public comment relative to any fisheries management issues

Nov. 19

9 a.m. Call to Order */Invocation
Conflict of Interest Reminder
Roll Call
Vote on Approval of Agenda**
Vote on Approval of Meeting Minutes**

9:15 a.m. Public Comment
Receive public comment relative to any fisheries management issues

10:15 a.m. Supplement A to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 1 – Chris Stewart and Mike Loeffler (Presentation)
Please note times listed are merely for guidance; the commission will spend as much time as necessary on this agenda item and will proceed through the remaining agenda items accordingly

- Review of draft supplement, commission proposals and related materials
- **Vote on preferred management options and approval of Supplement A****

12:30 p.m. Lunch Recess

2 p.m. Standard Commercial Fishing License Criteria

3 p.m. Chairman's Report
Review administrative actions and issues from the chair

- Letters
- Ethics Training Reminder
- 2016 Meeting Schedule Reminder

3:15 p.m. Issues from Commissioners

3:30 p.m. Committee Reports
Review and consideration of action items from committee meetings

- Sea Turtle
- Northern
- Southern
- Oyster and Hard Clam Fishery Management Plans
- **Nominating****
Vote on slate of nominees for obligatory seat on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

3:45 p.m. Fishery Management Plan Update – Kathy Rawls

- 4 p.m. Oyster Fishery Management Plan Amendment 4 and Hard Clam Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2 – Tina Moore and Trish Murphey (Presentation)
Receive presentation of draft amendments
- **Vote to send out to public meetings and advisory committee review****
- 5:30 p.m. Interjurisdictional Fishery Management Plan Information Update – Michelle Duval and Katy West
- **Vote on final approval of information update****
- 5:45 p.m. Kingfish Fishery Management Plan Information Update – Beth Egbert
- **Vote on final approval of information update****
- 6 p.m. Recess

Nov. 20

- 8:30 a.m. Rulemaking Update and Final Approval of Striped Mullet Fishery Management Plan – John Hadley
- Review of 2015/2016 Rulemaking Cycle
 - Review of hearing and public comment
 - **Vote on final approval of Striped Mullet Fishery Management Plan Amendment 1 and associated permanent rules (15A NCAC 03J .0103 and 03R .0112)****
 - **Additional rule:**
 - **Mechanical oyster harvesting clarification (15A NCAC 03R .0108)****
- 9 a.m. Annual Rule Suspension Update – Kathy Rawls
- 9:15 a.m. Coastal Habitat Protection Plan Update – Jimmy Johnson (Presentation)
- **Vote to send out to public meetings****
- 9:35 a.m. Director’s Report
Reports and updates on recent Division of Marine Fisheries activities.
- Legislative Update
 - Budget Update
 - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
 - Red Drum Stock Assessment
 - Sustainable Fishery Management Plan for Shad – Charlton Godwin (Presentation)
 - Trammel Nets
 - Informational Materials
 - Quota Update
 - Landings Update
 - Red Drum
 - Southern Flounder
 - Protected Resources Update
 - Observer Program
 - Incidental Take Permit Updates
 - Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update
 - South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update
 - Semi-Annual Seafood Dealer’s Report
 - Preliminary Landings, January – June 2015
 - License and Statistics 2015 Annual Report
 - Highly Migratory Species Update
- 11:30 a.m. Issues from Commissioners
- 11:45 a.m. Meeting Assignments and Preview of Agenda Items for February Meeting – Nancy Fish
- Noon Adjourn

2016 Meeting Dates

Feb. 17-19 Blockade Runner, Wrightsville Beach
Aug. 17-19 Hilton Brownstone, Raleigh

May 18-20 Crystal Coast Civic Center, Morehead City
Nov. 16-18 Hilton Garden Inn, Kitty Hawk

** Times indicated are merely for guidance. The commission will proceed through the agenda until completed.*

***Potential Action Items*