

MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING
Hilton Garden Inn, Kitty Hawk, N.C.
Nov. 14-16, 2018

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. 14

6 p.m. Public Comment Period

Nov. 15

9 a.m. Call to Order*
Swearing in of New Commissioners
Review Ethics Evaluations for New Commissioners
Conflict of Interest Reminder
Roll Call

Approval of Agenda**

Approval of Meeting Minutes**

9:30 a.m. Public Comment Period

10:30 a.m. Chairman's Report

- Letters
- Ethics Training and Statement of Economic Interest Reminder
- 2019 Meeting Schedule
- Follow up Discussions
 - Policy on Scientific Uncertainty
 - Live Meeting Video

10:45 a.m. Committee Reports

- Nominating Committee – Chris Batsavage
 - **Vote on slate of nominees for obligatory seat for the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council ****

11 a.m. Director's Report – Director Steve Murphey
Reports and updates on recent Division of Marine Fisheries activities

- Division of Marine Fisheries Quarterly Update
 - Central Southern Striped Bass – Charlton Godwin (Presentation)
Division recommendation to develop temporary management measures to supplement the 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.
 - **Vote to authorize staff to develop temporary management measures for consideration at the commission's February 2019 meeting****

Noon Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. Director's Report (continued)

- Status of Rule Development to Clarify Standard Commercial Fishing License Transfers – Stephanie McInerny
- N.C. Saltwater Fishing Tournament – Carole Willis (Presentation)
- Shellfish Sanitation and Recreational Water Quality Program Overview – Shannon Jenkins and J.D. Potts (Presentations)
- Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission – Chris Batsavage
 - Sustainable Fishery Management Plan for American Shad – Holly White
- Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Chris Batsavage
 - Summer Flounder Commercial Issues Amendment
 - **Vote to provide input on commercial summer flounder allocations, permit requalification criteria and modifications to the fishery management plan goals and objectives****
- South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Chris Batsavage
- Highly Migratory Species – Jason Rock
- Informational Materials
 - Landings Update for Red Drum and Southern Flounder
 - Protected Resources Update
 - Observer Program
 - Incidental Take Permit Updates
 - N.C. Commercial Fishing Resource Funding Committee
 - Division of Marine Fisheries Sampling Program Descriptions
 - Semi-Annual Dealer’s Report
 - Preliminary Landings, January - June 2018

Nov. 16

- 9 a.m. Rulemaking Update – Catherine Blum
- Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules per G.S. 150B-21.3A
 - **Vote on final approval of readoption of 15A NCAC 03O .0112 for conforming changes to for-hire license requirements****
 - **Vote on final approval of readoption of a portion of rules in 15A NCAC 03I, 03J, 03K, 03L, 03M, 03O and 03R****
- 9:15 a.m. 2017 Landings Overview – Stephanie McInerny, Alan Bianchi and Chris Wilson (Presentation)
- 10 a.m. Fishery Management Plan Update – Catherine Blum
- Status of ongoing plans
 - Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3 Update – Jason Rock and Corrin Flora
 - Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2
 - Stock Assessment Update – Amy Flowers (Presentation)
 - Plan Update – Mike Loeffler and Anne Markwith
- 11: a.m. Update on Spotted Seatrout Cold-Stun Impacts – Tracey Bauer
- 11:15 a.m. Rules Suspension Annual Update – Kathy Rawls
- 11:30 a.m. Issues from Commissioners
- Noon Meeting Assignments and Preview of Agenda Items for February Meeting – Nancy Fish
- 12:15 p.m. Adjourn

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

***Potential Action Items*