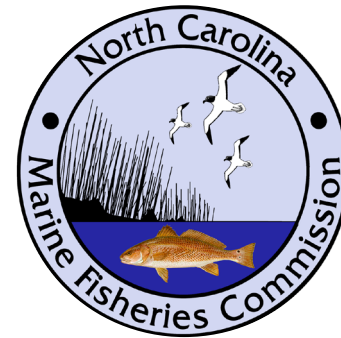


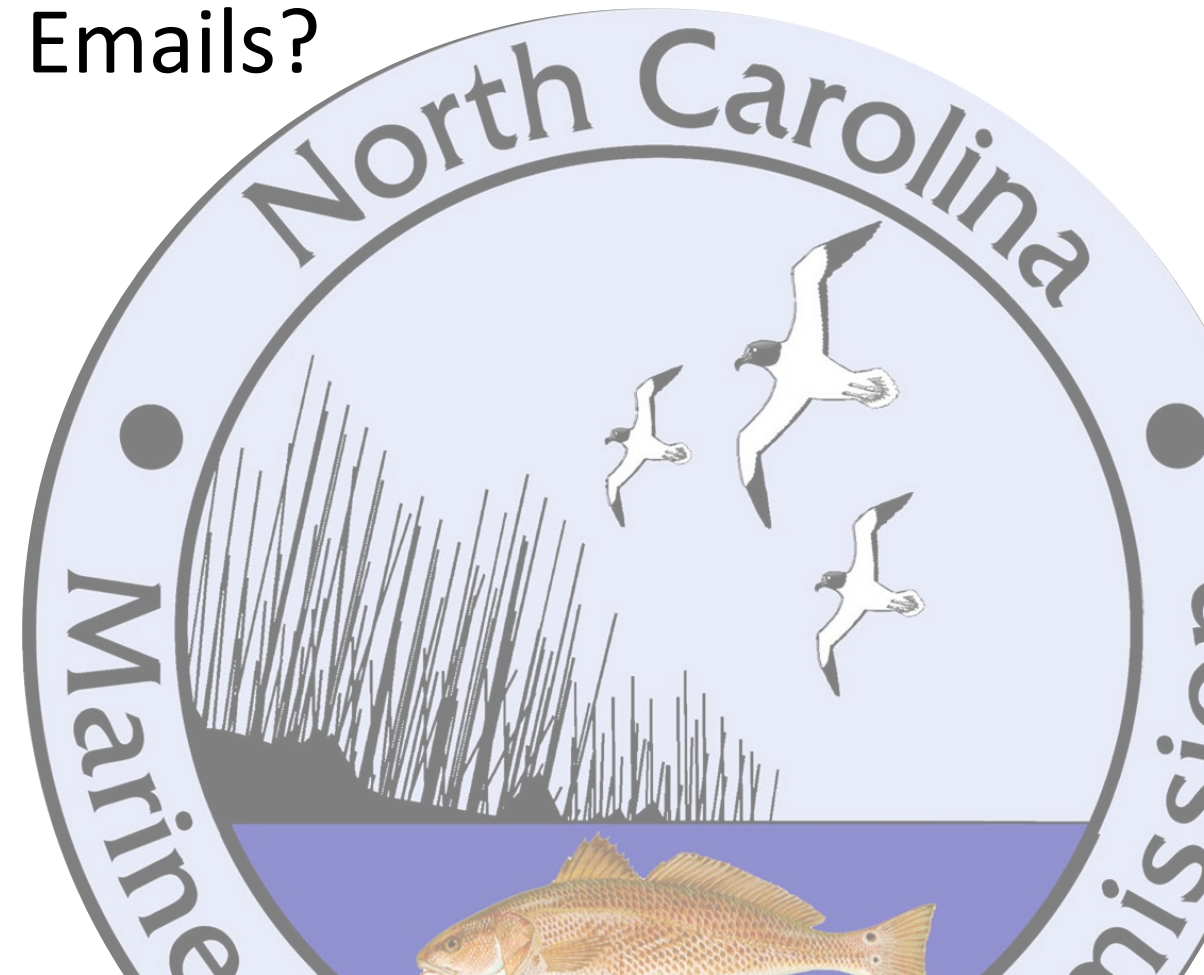
Marine Fisheries Commission Office Updates



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Marine Fisheries Commission Office Update

- Public Comments – Why No Emails?
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Public Comment - Opportunities



- Quarterly Business Meetings
- Advisory Committee Meetings
- Rulemaking
- Fishery Management Plans

Public Comment – How?

- Written Comments via U.S. Mail
- Electronic Submission via Online Form
- Spoken Comments during Meetings



Public Comment – What About Emails?

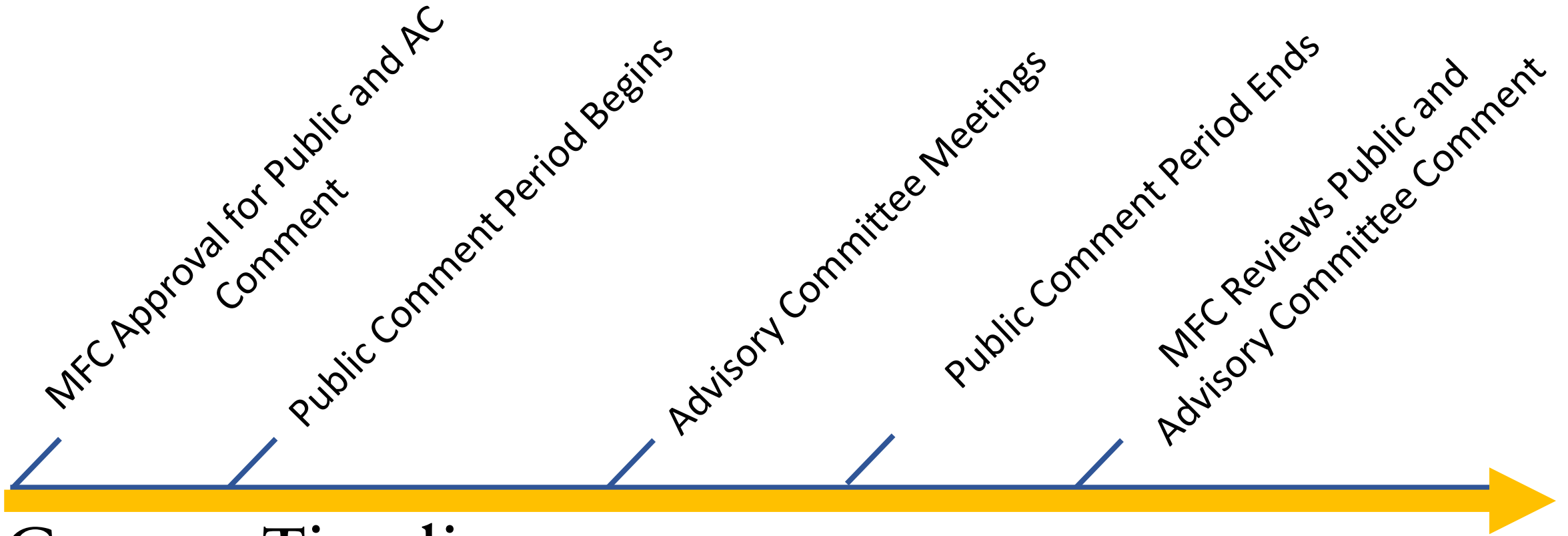
- Online Forms Are Better
- All identifying information is treated as confidential.
- Benefits Staff, Commissioners, and Stakeholders

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Marine Fisheries Commission – powers and duties.

- Social security numbers
- Mailing address
- Residence address
- Commission-issued customer ID number
- Email address
- Data of birth
- Telephone number

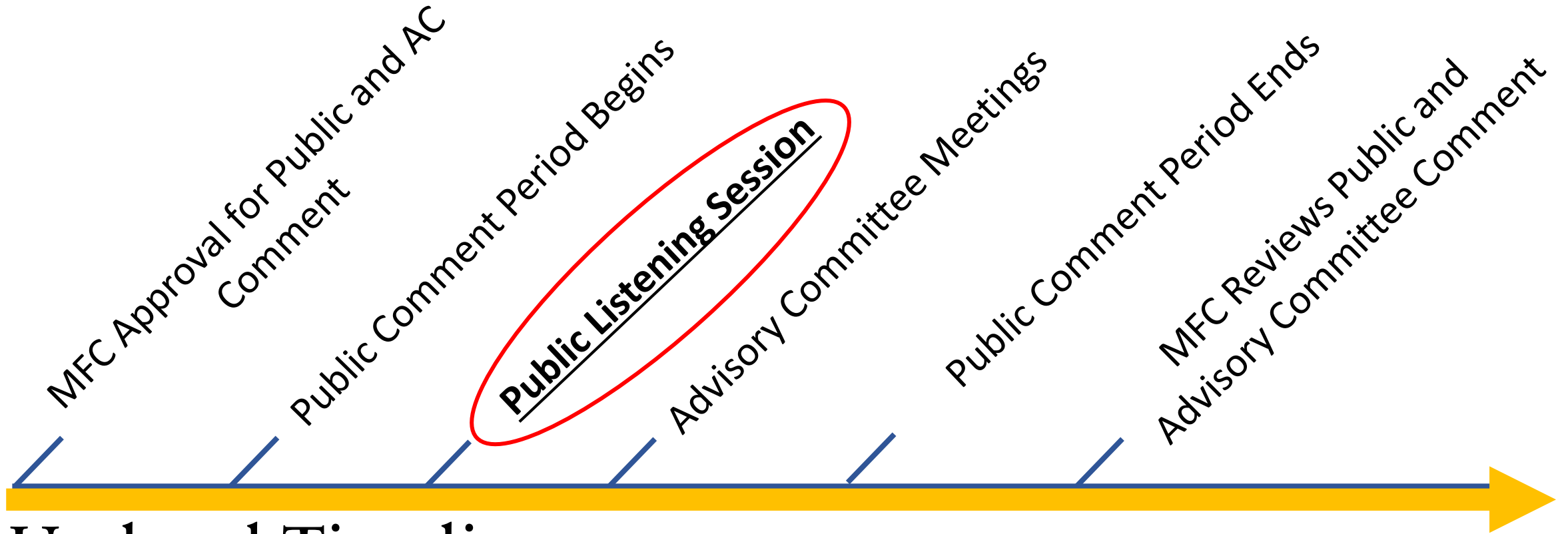
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Current Timeline

Public & Advisory Committee Review Process

Listening Sessions



Updated Timeline

Public & Advisory Committee Review Process

Decision Documents

Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2 Decision Document



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This Decision Document is a companion document to Amendment 2 to the Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan. It provides a brief overview and context for the issues. The document also provides references to the full Amendment document where more detailed information is located. The Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2 document is the plan under consideration and is the focus of all NCMFC action.

Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3 Decision Document



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Interjurisdictional FMP Amendment 2 Decision Document

Summary

The Interjurisdictional (IJ) Fishery Management Plan (FMP) is the mechanism through which North Carolina adopts by reference FMPs that are approved by the federal South Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils (SAFMC and MAFMC, respectively) or the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) and that are consistent with N.C. law. Corresponding fishery regulations are implemented in North Carolina to provide compliance or compatibility with approved FMPs and amendments, now and in the future. In November 2021, the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission (NCMFC) will have the opportunity to approve the goal and objectives for Amendment 2 to the NC IJ FMP.

Amendment Timing

November 2021	NCMFC votes to approve goal and objectives of FMP
January 2021-November 2021	Division drafts FMP
December 2021	Division holds workshop to further develop draft FMP with Plan Advisory Committee
January 2022	Division Updates draft FMP
February 2022	NCMFC votes to send draft FMP for public and AC review
March 2022	NCMFC Advisory Committees meet to review draft FMP and receive public comment
May 2022	NCMFC Advisory Committees meet to review draft FMP and receive public comment
June 2022 - July 2022	NCDEQ Secretary and Legislative review of draft FMP
August 2022	NCMFC votes on final adoption of FMP
TBD	NCDMF and NCMFC implement management strategies

Background

The IJ FMP is different from other state FMPs as it is the policy framework the state uses to comply with federal Council and ASMFC FMPs. The IJ FMP was first approved in September 2002, amended in 2008, and updated in 2015. The purpose of the FMP is to adopt by reference management measures appropriate for North Carolina contained in ASMFC, SAFMC, and MAFMC FMPs, to reduce duplication of effort and to foster improved communication between fisheries managers. The Fisheries Reform Act requires FMPs to be prepared for all commercially and recreationally significant species or fisheries that comprise North Carolina marine and estuarine resources. For many of these species and fisheries FMPs have already been developed and implemented through the Councils and the ASMFC processes, with North Carolina involvement. The goal of these plans, established under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Management and Conservation Act (MSA; federal Council FMPs) and the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act (ACFMA; ASMFC FMPs), are in line with the goals of the FRA to "ensure long-term viability" of these fisheries. The NCMFC role in this process is advisory to the state representatives regarding marine fisheries within the jurisdiction of the ASMFC and federal Councils.

Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2 Decision Document



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This Decision Document is a companion document to Amendment 2 to the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan. It provides a brief overview and context for the issue and includes the NCDMF recommendations and key decision points supporting each, as well as summaries of the public and advisory committee input. The document also provides references to the full Amendment document where more detailed information is located. The Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2 document is the plan under consideration and is the focus of all NCMFC action.

Questions?

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