

Marine Fisheries Commission Business Meeting

AGENDA

Islander Hotel

Emerald Isle, NC

November 16-18, 2022

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).

Wednesday, November 16th

6:00 p.m. Delineation of Inland and Coastal Fishing Water Boundaries Comment
Renee Cahoon, Chairman N.C. Coastal Resources Commission

6:20 p.m. Public Comment Period

Thursday, November 17th

9:00 a.m. Preliminary Matters

- Commission Call to Order* - Rob Bizzell, Chairman
- Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
- Review Ethics Evaluations of New Commissioner
- Conflict of Interest Reminder
- Roll Call
- **Approval of Agenda ****
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes****

9:45 a.m. Public Comment Period

10:15 a.m. Chairman's Report

- Letters and Online Comments
- Ethics Training and Statement of Economic Interest Reminder
- 2023 Meeting Schedule
- Commission Committee Assignments

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***Probable Action Items*

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- **Delineation of Inland and Coastal Fishing Water Boundaries****

- 11:00 a.m. Committee Reports
- Nominating Committee – Chris Batsavage
 - **Vote on slate of nominees for the obligatory seat for the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council****
 - Regional Advisory Committees – Northern, Southern
 - Standing Advisory Committees – Finfish, Shellfish/Crustacean, Habitat and Water Quality
- 11:30 a.m. Director’s Report – Director Kathy Rawls
Reports and updates on recent Division of Marine Fisheries activities
- Division of Marine Fisheries Quarterly Update – Director Rawls
 - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission – Chris Batsavage
 - Shad Sustainable Fishery Report Update
 - Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Chris Batsavage
 - South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Director Rawls
 - Shellfish Lease Program Update – Owen Mulvey-McFerron
 - Coastal Habitat Protections Plan Update – Jacob Boyd
 - Marine Patrol Update – Col. Carter Witten
 - License and Statistics Annual Report (“The Big Book”) Update – Brandi Salmon
- Informational Materials:
 - Highly Migratory Species
 - Protected Resources Update
 - Observer Program
 - Incidental Take Permit Updates
 - Landings Updates
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch Break
- 2:00 p.m. Fishery Management Plans
- Status of ongoing plans – Corrin Flora
 - Spotted Seatrout Fishery Overview – David Behringer, Lucas Pensinger
 - Spotted Seatrout Stock Assessment Update – Yan Li
 - Amendment 2 to the Estuarine Striped Bass FMP (Draft) – Nathaniel Hancock, Todd Mathes, Charlton Godwin, Joe Facendola
 - **Vote on final approval of Amendment 2 to the Estuarine Striped Bass FMP****

Friday, November 18th

- 9:00 a.m. Fishery Management Plans Continued
- Supplement A to Amendment 1 of the Striped Mullet FMP (Draft)– Dan Zapf, Jeff Dobbs
 - Overview of Supplement

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○ **Vote on Supplement A to Amendment 1 of the Striped Mullet FMP****

- Amendment 2 to the Striped Mullet FMP (Draft) – Jeff Dobbs, Dan Zapf
 - Scoping Period Overview
 - **Vote on approval of Goal and Objectives****
 - Provide Input on Management Options

11:00 a.m. Rulemaking

- **Rule Suspensions – Steve Poland****
- Rulemaking Cycle Updates – Catherine Blum
 - 2021-2022 Rulemaking Cycle Update
 - 2022-2023 Rulemaking Cycle Update
 - 2023-2024 Rulemaking Cycle Preview

11:40 a.m. Issues from Commissioners

12:10 p.m. Review of MFC Workplan and Meeting Assignments – Lara Klibansky

12:30 p.m. Adjourn

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