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MEMORANDUM

TO: N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission
Marine Fisheries Commission Nominating Committee

FROM: Chris Batsavage and Catherine Blum
Division of Marine Fisheries, DEQ

DATE: Oct. 25, 2023

SUBJECT: Marine Fisheries Commission Nominating Committee Meeting Minutes

The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Nominating Committee met on Monday, Oct. 9, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. via webinar.

The following were in attendance:

Committee members: Robert McNeill, Sammy Corbett, Donald Huggins, Tom Roller
Staff: Chris Batsavage, Catherine Blum, Hope Wade

Chairman McNeill called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved without modification.

Motion by Commissioner Roller to approve the October 11, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett.

Roll Call

Sammy Corbett	Aye
Donald Huggins	Aye
Tom Roller	Aye
Robert McNeill	

Motion passed 3-0.

Public comment

No public comment was given at the meeting or received via email or U.S. mail.

Review of N.C. General Statutes and federal Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements

Batsavage briefly reviewed the N.C. General Statutes pertaining to the selection of nominees for federal fishery management council seats. He stated that the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission must approve a slate of candidates for the governor’s consideration, and that the statutes allow the governor to consult with the commission regarding additions to the list of candidates. Batsavage also described the federal statutes and regulations pertaining to qualification of candidates and noted that the governor must submit a list of no less than three nominees for an appointment. The commission will review the list of candidates approved by the committee at its business meeting on Nov. 16-17, 2023.

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Review and selection of candidates for the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council at-large appointment and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council at-large appointment

Batsavage reviewed the bios of the candidates for the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council at-large seat, briefly describing the background and qualifications of each: Thomas (Tom) Roller (incumbent), Christopher (Chris) Kimrey, Michael (Mike) R. Oppegaard, and E. Jot Owens. Batsavage noted that Mr. Roller is completing his first three-year term and is eligible for another three-year term.

Batsavage then reviewed the bios of the candidates for the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council at-large seat, briefly describing the background and qualifications of each: Anna Barrios Beckwith, Stuart Creighton, and William (Bill) Gorham. Batsavage noted that Ms. Sara Winslow, the current N.C. At-Large Member on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council is completing her third consecutive three-year term and is not eligible for reappointment.

There was no discussion of the candidates. The committee made the following motions:

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council At-Large Seat

Motion by Commissioner Corbett to forward the names of Thomas N. Roller, Christopher G. Kimrey, Michael R. Oppegaard, and E. Jot Owens to the Marine Fisheries Commission for consideration for the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council at-large seat. Seconded by Commissioner Huggins.

Roll Call

Sammy Corbett	Aye
Donald Huggins	Aye
Tom Roller	
Robert McNeill	Aye

Commissioner Roller recused himself from discussion of the candidates and the vote on this agenda item. Motion passed 3-0.

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council At-Large Seat

Motion by Commissioner Corbett to forward the names of Anna Barrios Beckwith, Stuart Creighton, and William Gorham to the Marine Fisheries Commission for consideration for the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council at-large seat. Seconded by Commissioner Roller.

Roll Call

Sammy Corbett	Aye
Donald Huggins	Aye
Tom Roller	Aye
Robert McNeill	

Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Roller moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Huggins.

Meeting adjourned.