

N.C. MFC Southern Regional Advisory Committee

Central District Office, Morehead City, NC

April 10, 2024

6 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Call to Order*

Vote on the Approval of the Agenda**

Vote on the Approval of the Minutes from January 10, 2024 **

6:05 p.m. Presentation of the Protection of Critical Sea Grass Habitat Through Shrimp Trawl Area Closures – Chris Stewart

This is part of adaptive management adopted in February of 2022 by the MFC in the Shrimp FMP Amendment 2 to further protect SAV habitat in North Carolina, which identifies unprotected SAV habitat using updated imagery (SAV mosaic) and proposes additional protection through shrimp trawl area closures.

6:20 p.m. Public Comment

6:50 p.m. Shrimp FMP Amendment 2 – Adaptive Management – Protection of Critical Sea Grass Habitat Through Shrimp Trawl Area Closures

Discussion by AC on SAV protection through shrimp trawl area closures

Vote to Recommend Management Options for MFC Consideration **

7:50 p.m. Issues from AC Members

8:00 p.m. Adjourn

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

****Action Items**