

Motions
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission
Business Meeting
Feb. 20-22, 2019

Motion by Tom Hendrickson to approve the meeting agenda. Second by Chuck Laughridge.
Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to approve the minutes of the November 2018 meeting. Second by Brad Koury.
Motion carries unanimously.

Legislative Request

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to support the concept of legislation to require reporting of all catch with commercial gear, except for RCGL, and through tournaments. Second by Mike Blanton.

Amendment by Doug Cross to add general statute to original motion. Second by Tom Hendrickson.
Motion carries with no opposition.

Motion as amended

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to support the concept of legislation to amend GS 113-168.2 (i) to require reporting of all catch with commercial gear, except for RCGL, and through tournaments. Second by Mike Blanton.

Motion carries with no opposition.

Tabled Motion on Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Goals and Objectives

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to withdraw the motion tabled from the November meeting. Second by Doug Cross.

Motion carries unanimously.

Striped Bass

Motion by Doug Cross to adopt Supplement A to Amendment 1 to the N.C. Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan as presented and recommended by the Division of Marine Fisheries. Second by Pete Kornegay.

Motion carries 7-2.

Motion by Cameron Boltes to ask the director of the DMF to issue a proclamation, effective in conjunction with the supplement, that restricts the use of gill nets that interact with striped bass upstream of the ferry lines and requires attendance of gill nets that interact with striped bass upstream of the tie-down lines. Second by Pete Kornegay.

Motion carries 5-4.

Amendment 2 to the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to refer the Wildlife Federation's Petition for Rulemaking (excluding spot and croaker) to the Shrimp FMP Advisory Committee for consideration in developing Amendment 2 to the FMP and that the goals and objectives for the Shrimp FMP include:

- Reduce takes and interactions of non-targeted species and threatened species.
- Improve the survival of non-target and threatened species at the population level.
- Continue to minimize bycatch and enhance the economic value of shrimp.

- Promote habitat enhancement and provide environmental quality necessary to improve the shrimp resource.
- Review nursery areas with an updated look at secondary nursery areas.
- Implement research and education programs to allow a better understanding of the public, industry and consumers of shrimp bycatch impact on fish population dynamics.

Second by Brad Koury.

Motion by Tom Hendrickson to strike the wording in reference to referring the Wildlife Federation Petition to the Advisory Committee, and pick up at “the goals and objectives for the Shrimp FMP include.” Second by Doug Cross.

Motion fails 4-4.

Motion by Chuck Laughridge to refer the Wildlife Federation’s Petition for Rulemaking (excluding spot and croaker) to the Shrimp FMP Advisory Committee for consideration in developing Amendment 2 to the FMP and to consider the following goals and objectives for the Shrimp FMP:

- Reduce takes and interactions of non-targeted species and threatened species.
- Improve the survival of non-target and threatened species at the population level.
- Continue to minimize bycatch and enhance the economic value of shrimp.
- Promote habitat enhancement and provide environmental quality necessary to improve the shrimp resource.
- Review nursery areas with an updated look at secondary nursery areas.
- Implement research and education programs to allow a better understanding of the public, industry and consumers of shrimp bycatch impact on fish population dynamics.

Second by Brad Koury.

Motion carries 5-3, with one abstention.

Study Trawl Impacts

Motion by Doug Cross that the Division of Marine Fisheries look at alternated openings of now closed areas to trawling be considered as test sites to observe if trawling and the cultivation of bottom can improve general bottom conditions and improve recruitment of bait fishes and general food sources. Second by Sam Romano. Motion withdrawn.

Tarpon

Motion by Cameron Boltes to accept Option 2 of the proposed Tarpon Rule. Second by Brad Koury.

Motion carries unanimously.