

**N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission**  
**Aug. 21-23, 2019**  
**Motions**

Motion by Mike Blanton to approve the meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Doug Cross.  
Motion carries with no objection.

Motion by Sam Romano to approve the minutes of the May 2019 and June 2019 meetings.  
Motion seconded by Tom Hendrickson.  
Motion carries with no opposition.

**North Carolina Wildlife Federation Petition for Rulemaking**

Motion by Pete Kornegay that the North Carolina Wildlife Federation Petition for Rulemaking submitted May 20, 2019 be granted. Seconded by Cameron Boltes.

Roll Call Vote:

Mike Blanton	No
Cameron Boltes	Yes
Doug Cross	No
Tom Hendrickson	No
Pete Kornegay	Yes
Robert McNeill	No
Martin Posey	No
Sam Romano	No
Rob Bizzell	Yes

Motion fails 3-6

Motion by Doug Cross to deny the shrimp petition as presented by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation for reasons discussed during the session. Seconded by Sam Romano.

Roll Call Vote:

Mike Blanton	Yes
Cameron Boltes	No
Doug Cross	Yes
Tom Hendrickson	Yes
Pete Kornegay	No
Robert McNeill	No
Martin Posey	Yes
Sam Romano	Yes
Rob Bizzell	No

Motion carries 5-4

**Election of Vice Chairman**

Nominations for vice chairman

Cameron Boltes

Doug Cross

Boltes 3

Cross 4

2 Abstentions

### **Rulemaking for Circle Hooks and Bent Barbs**

Motion by Rob Bizzell to begin rulemaking to limit the use of natural bait on hooks larger than 2/0 in size to non-offset circle hooks with the barbs bent down or removed and to require that the barbs on all treble hooks be bent down or removed. Motion seconded by Pete Kornegay.  
Motion withdrawn.

### **Eligibility Pool Cap**

Motion by Mike Blanton to set the Eligibility Pool cap at 500 Standard Commercial Fishing Licenses for the 2019-2020 license year. Seconded by Sam Romano.  
Motion carries with no dissention.

### **Fishery Management Plan Schedule**

Motion by Doug Cross to proceed forward with the proposed draft fishery management plan schedule as presented by the Division of Marine Fisheries. Seconded by Martin Posey.  
Motion carries with no dissention.

### **Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2**

Motion by Doug Cross to postpone the vote on the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2 to the November meeting and instruct the Division of Marine Fisheries director to consult with other states to determine what they plan to do, and come back with 52 percent reductions to be implemented Jan. 1, 2020. Seconded by Sam Romano.  
Motion fails 3-6.

Motion by Pete Kornegay to adopt the Southern Flounder Amendment 2 as proposed by DMF.  
Seconded by Cameron Boltes.

Motion by Mike Blanton to amend the previous motion to allow seasonal flexibility in the commercial and recreational sectors to be determined by proclamation by the director of the Division of Marine Fisheries so long as the 62 percent/72 percent harvest reductions are met.  
Seconded by Doug Cross.  
Motion carries 9-0.

#### **Amended Motion**

Motion by Pete Kornegay to adopt the Southern Flounder Amendment 2 as proposed by the Division of Marine Fisheries, allowing seasonal flexibility in the commercial and recreational sectors to be determined by proclamation by the director of the Division of Marine Fisheries so long as the 62 percent/72 percent harvest reductions are met. Seconded by Cameron Boltes.  
Motion carries 6-3.

Motion by Cameron Boltes to ask the director of the Division of Marine Fisheries to consider a proclamation for the for-hire charter captains allowing them to possess four flounder per vessel per day when the recreational season is closed. Seconded by Mike Blanton.  
Motion carries 5-2 with 2 abstentions

Motion by Mike Blanton to ask the Division of Marine Fisheries director to consider an exception to Rule 15A NCAC 03J.0501(b)(2) for existing flounder pound net sets. Second by Sam Romano.

Motion carries 7-0 with 2 abstentions.

### **Draft Amendment 3 to the Blue Crab Fishery Management**

Motion by Mike Blanton to approve Draft Amendment 3 to the Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan for public review and comment. Seconded by Martin Posey.

Motion carries with no dissention.

Motion by Martin Posey that in addition to the recommendations included with the current draft Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3, the Division of Marine Fisheries is encouraged to develop an issue paper with pertinent recommendations and/or research needs related to juvenile blue crab habitat availability, habitat quality, and habitat landscape issues analogous to the issue paper developed on water quality impacts (Appendix 4.3 of the draft Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3). Seconded by Mike Blanton.

Motion carries with no dissention.

### **Notice of Text for Rulemaking**

Motion by Doug Cross to approve notice of text for rulemaking and the fiscal analysis to readopt rules per G.S. 150B-21.3A, Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules:

- Tarpon, 15A NCAC 03M .0509
- License and Commercial Fishing Vessel Registration 15A NCAC 03O .0108

Seconded by Mike Blanton.

Motion carries with no dissention.

### **Rule Suspension**

Motion by Pete Kornegay to approve continued rule suspension of portions of N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03L .0103(a)(1) Prohibited Nets, Mesh Lengths and Areas. Seconded by Tom Hendrickson.

Motion carries with no dissention.