

MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING
The Beaufort Hotel, Beaufort, N.C.
Nov. 13-15, 2019

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 13

6 p.m. Public Comment Period

Thursday, November 14

9 a.m. Call to Order*
Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
Conflict of Interest Reminder
Roll Call
Approval of Agenda**
Approval of Meeting Minutes**

9:30 a.m. Public Comment Period

10:30 a.m. Chairman's Report

- Letters
- Ethics Training and Statement of Economic Interest Reminder
- Update on litigation and comments on conflict of Interest – Shawn Maier
- 2020 Meeting Schedule
- Commission Committee Assignments
- Special Presentation
- Update on Wildlife Resources Commission and Marine Fisheries Commission to jointly adopt rules on delineation of fishing waters

10:45 a.m. Committee Reports

- Update on CHPP Steering Committee Meeting – Commissioner Posey

Thursday, November 14 (continued)

- Nominating Committee – Chris Batsavage
 - **Vote on slate of nominees for obligatory seat for the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council ****
 - Coastal Recreational Fishing License Advisory Committee
 - Coastal Recreational Fishing License Advisory Committee Meeting Report – Commissioner Kornegay
 - Northern Regional Advisory Committee
 - Southern Regional Advisory Committee
 - Shellfish/Crustacean Advisory Committee
 - Habitat and Water Quality Advisory Committee
 - Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee
- 11 a.m. Director’s Report – Director Steve Murphey
Reports and updates on recent Division of Marine Fisheries activities
- Division of Marine Fisheries Quarterly Update
- Noon Lunch Break
- 1:30 p.m. North Carolina Wildlife Federation Officer of the Year Presentation – Tim Gestwicki
- 1:45 p.m. Director’s Report (continued)
- Shellfish Sanitation: Naturally Occurring Pathogens – Shannon Jenkins
 - Update on Development of Issue Paper Regarding Recreational Hook-and-Line Modifications – Steve Poland
 - Civil Penalty Process Update – Carter Witten
 - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Update – Chris Batsavage
 - Sustainable Fishery Plan for American Shad
 - Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Chris Batsavage
 - South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Steve Poland
 - Highly Migratory Species Update – Randy Gregory
 - Informational Materials
 - Landings Update for Red Drum and Southern Flounder
 - Protected Resources Update
 - Observer Program
 - Incidental Take Permit Updates
 - Semi-Annual Dealer’s Report
 - License and Statistics 2018 Annual Report
- 3:30 p.m. Update on Act to Provide Further Support to the Shellfish Aquaculture Industry in North Carolina (Session Law 2019-37) – Jacob Boyd
- Shellfish Cultivation Lease Review Committee Update
 - **Vote on study on How to Reduce User Conflicts Related to Shellfish Cultivation Leases****
- 4:30 p.m. Recess

Friday, November 15

- 9 a.m. Coastal Habitat Protection Plan Update and Executive Order 80 Update – Anne Deaton, Jimmy Johnson and Jacob Boyd
- 10 a.m. Fishery Management Plan Update
- Status of ongoing plans – Catherine Blum
 - Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3 – Jason Rock and Corrin Flora
 - Public Comment Summary
 - Review Recommendations from Advisory Committees and the Division of Marine Fisheries
 - Review Management Options
 - **Vote to Select Preferred Management Options****
 - **Vote to Send Draft Plan to the Department of Environmental Quality for Review and Comment****
 - Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3 Update – Mike Loeffler and Anne Markwith
 - Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2 Update – Chris Stewart, Jason Rock and Kim Harding
- 11 a.m. Rulemaking Update – Catherine Blum
- Update on S.L. 2019-198 – Legislative Review of Regulatory Crimes
 - Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules per G.S. 150B-21.3A
 - 15A NCAC 03 rule readoption update
 - **Vote on 15A NCAC 18A Rule Readoption Schedule****
- 11:15 a.m. Rules Suspension Annual Update – Kathy Rawls
- 11:30 a.m. Issues from Commissioners
- 11:45 a.m. Meeting Assignments and Preview of Agenda Items for February Meeting – Lara Klibansky
- Noon Adjourn

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

***Potential Action Items*