

Oyster & Clam Advisory Workshop Agenda

Craven Community College
Student Center
800 College Court, New Bern
Naumann Community Room, Room 115
July 15-17, 2024

The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), through the Department of Environmental Quality, is charged with the preparation and writing of proposed fishery management plans (FMP), for adoption by the Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC). To assist the DMF in the development of FMPs, the chair of the MFC appoints a fishery management plan advisory committee (AC) that is composed of commercial fishers, recreational fishers, scientists, and others, all with expertise in the fishery for which the FMP is being developed. The following are the specific roles of appointed advisers in assisting the DMF in the development of FMPs:

- *Assist DMF staff in evaluating management issues and options addressed in the FMP*
- *Assist the DMF in informing the public on the issues contained in the FMP*
- *Solicit comments from peers and bring comments back to the AC*
- *Evaluate the impacts of management options on the resource and user groups*

Monday, July 15th *

- 2:00 p.m. Welcome
- 2:30 p.m. Review Hard Clam Base Plan.
- 3:30 p.m. Review Eastern Oyster Base Plan.
- 4:30 p.m. < Break >
- 4:40 p.m. Review Recreational Harvest Issue Paper.
- 5:45 p.m. Daily recap and takeaways.
- 6:00 p.m. Adjourn for the day

Tuesday, July 16th *

- 8:30 a.m. Welcome
- 8:45 a.m. Review Habitat & Enhancement Oyster Programs Information Paper.
- 9:30 a.m. Review Pamlico Sound Oyster Mechanical Harvest Management Issue Paper.
- 11:30 p.m. <Lunch Break>
- 1:00 p.m. Continue review of Pamlico Sound Oyster Mechanical Harvest Management Issue Paper.
- 2:30 p.m. Review the Intertidal Oyster Commercial Harvest Management Information Paper.

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- 3:50 p.m. <Break>
- 4:00 p.m. Other oyster issues from AC members.
- 4:45 p.m. Daily recap and takeaways.
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn for the day.

Wednesday, July 17th *

- 8:30 a.m. Welcome
- 8:45 a.m. Review Hard Clam Mechanical Harvest Issue Paper.
- 10:30 a.m. <Break>
- 10:40 a.m. Other clam issues from AC members.
- 12:00 p.m. <Lunch Break>
- 1:30 p.m. Review Workshop Takeaways.
- 3:45 p.m. Adjourn.

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