

# Striped Mullet Fisheries Management Plan Workshop

## Agenda

Craven Community College  
Ward Hall, Naumann Community Room  
800 College Ct., New Bern  
July 25-27, 2023

*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 fishermen, recreational fishermen, 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*

### **Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> \***

- 2:00 p.m.      Welcome  
*Moderator will review the agenda and set expectations for the workshop. Icebreaker to introduce participants.*
- 2:30 p.m.      Review Striped Mullet Life History  
*Receive a presentation from DMF staff on striped mullet biology, distribution, life cycle, and habitat.*
- 2:45 p.m.      Review Striped Mullet Fishery  
*Receive a presentation from DMF staff on commercial and recreational striped mullet fisheries.*
- 4:30 p.m.      Review Striped Mullet Stock Assessment  
*Receive a presentation from DMF staff on the stock status and reduction projections*
- 6:00 p.m.      Adjourn for the day

### **Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> \***

- 8:30 a.m.      Welcome  
*Moderator will set expectations for the day*
- 8:45 a.m.      Review Gill Net Information Paper  
*Receive a presentation from DMF staff on a background of the striped mullet gill net fishery*
- 10:00 a.m.      Review Sustainable Harvest Issue Paper  
*Receive a presentation from DMF staff on possible management to address the overfished and overfishing status of the striped mullet stock*
- 12:00 p.m.      Lunch Break

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1:30 p.m. Continue review Sustainable Harvest Issue Paper  
*Continuation from morning session*

5:00 p.m. Adjourn for the day

**Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> \***

8:30 a.m. Welcome  
*Moderator will set expectations for the day*

8:45 a.m. Review Recreational Fishery Issue Paper  
*Receive a presentation from DMF staff on possible management for the recreational striped mullet fishery*

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. Review Workshop Takeaways  
*Receive a presentation from DMF staff on the input received from the advisory committee during the workshop*

3:00 p.m. Adjourn for the day

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