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## MEMORANDUM

TO: N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission  
Marine Fisheries Commission Nominating Committee

FROM: Chris Batsavage and Jesse Bissette  
Division of Marine Fisheries, DEQ

DATE: Oct. 30, 2024

SUBJECT: Marine Fisheries Commission Nominating Committee Meeting Minutes

The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Nominating Committee met on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the N.C Division of Marine Fisheries Central District Office in Morehead City.

The following were in attendance:

Committee members: Sammy Corbett, Sarah Gardner  
Staff: Chris Batsavage, Jesse Bissette, Kathy Rawls, Carter Witten, Brian Gupton

Chairman Corbett called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved without modification.

**Motion by Commissioner Gardner to approve the October 9, 2023, meeting minutes as presented.  
Seconded by Commissioner Corbett.**

### Roll Call

ROLL CALL VOTE				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Gardner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corbett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Motion passed 2-0.**

### Public comment

No public comment was given at the meeting or received in person or via email or U.S. mail.

### Review of N.C. General Statutes and federal Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements

Batsavage briefly reviewed the N.C. General Statutes pertaining to the selection of nominees for federal fishery management council seats. He stated that the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission must approve a slate of candidates for the governor's consideration, and that the statutes allow the governor to consult with the commission regarding additions to the list of candidates. Batsavage also described the federal statutes and regulations pertaining to qualification of candidates and noted that the governor must submit



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a list of no less than three nominees for an appointment. The commission will review the list of candidates approved by the committee at its business meeting on Nov. 21-22, 2024.

**Review and selection of candidates for the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council obligatory appointment**

Batsavage reviewed the bios of the candidates for the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council obligatory seat, briefly describing the background and qualifications of each: Scott Buff, Jack Cox, Alana Harrison, Dewey Hemilright, and Thomas Newman. Batsavage noted that Mr. Tim Griner, the current N.C. Obligatory Member on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council is completing his third consecutive three-year term and is not eligible for reappointment.

There was no discussion of the candidates. The committee made the following motions:

**South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Obligatory Seat**

**Motion by Sarah Gardner to forward the names of Scott Buff, Jack Cox, Alana Harrison, Dewey Hemilright and Thomas Newman to the Marine Fisheries Commission for consideration for the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council obligatory seat. Seconded by Sammy Corbett.**

**Roll Call**

ROLL CALL VOTE				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Gardner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corbett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Motion passed 2-0.**

Meeting adjourned.