

Motions
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission
August 21-23, 2024

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Motion by Commissioner Roller to approve the meeting agenda.

Second by Commissioner Rader.

Motion passed without dissention.

Motion by Commissioner Roller to approve the minutes of the April 2024 special meeting, May 2024 business meeting, and June 2024 special meeting.

Second by Commissioner Hobgood.

Motion passed without dissention.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Motion by Commissioner Gardner to nominate Commissioner Corbett for Marine Fisheries Commission Vice Chair.

Second by Commissioner Roller.

Motion passed without dissention.

Commissioner Corbett was re-elected as Marine Fisheries Commission Vice Chair.

**STANDARD COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE ELIGIBILITY POOL
 TEMPORARY CAP**

Motion by Commissioner Blanton to set the temporary cap on the number of licenses in the Standard Commercial Fishing License Eligibility Pool for fiscal year 2024-2025 at 500.

Second by Commissioner Gardner.

Motion passed unanimously.

	ROLL CALL VOTE				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Bethea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blanton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Closs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gardner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hobgood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rader	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bizzell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

SOUTHERN FLOUNDER FMP

Motion by Commissioner Roller to ask the DMF Director to ask the DEQ Secretary to modify the Annual FMP Review Schedule to amend the Southern Flounder FMP for the review of the plan to begin in 2024. The intent is to allow for more recreational access while maintaining the rebuilding requirements of Amendment 3.

Second by Commissioner Hobgood.

Motion passed unanimously.

	ROLL CALL VOTE				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Bethea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blanton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Closs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gardner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hobgood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rader	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bizzell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion by Commissioner Corbett to support the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) Director issuing a proclamation to align DMF enforcement with Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) limits for flounder in Joint Fishing Waters for harvest occurring on September 1 and 2 and 7 and 8, 2024. This proclamation is intended to:

- Acknowledge the differing management measures for recreational harvest of flounder in Joint Fishing Waters;
- Close an enforcement gap to ensure Marine Patrol can lawfully enforce harvest limits in Joint Fishing Waters during the WRC season;
- Provide legal certainty and minimize confusions for anglers; and
- Help prevent user conflicts.

The proclamation is not intended to:

- Serve as an endorsement of the WRC season;
- Change the quota allocation;
- Allow for any additional harvest beyond what the WRC has approved for Inland and Joint Fishing Waters; or
- Allow any harvest in Coastal Fishing Waters outside of Joint Fishing Waters.

Second by Commissioner Hobgood.

Motion passed unanimously.

	ROLL CALL VOTE				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Bethea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blanton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Closs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gardner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hobgood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rader	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bizzell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SPOTTED SEATROUT FMP AMENDMENT 1

<p>Motion by Commissioner Rader to approve the draft Spotted Seatrout Fishery Management Plan Amendment 1 for public and MFC advisory committee review, with minor adjustments to the options as discussed at the August 22, 2024, business meeting.</p> <p>Second by Commissioner Corbett.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	ROLL CALL VOTE					
	Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
	Bethea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Blanton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Closs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Gardner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hobgood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Rader	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Roller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bizzell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(End of actions on August 22, 2024)

RULE SUSPENSIONS

<p>Motion by Commissioner Roller to suspend Paragraph (a) of NCMFC Rule 15A NCAC 03M .0502 MULLET for an indefinite period and to suspend Paragraph (a) of NCMFC Rule 15A NCAC 03L .0205 CRAB SPAWNING SANCTUARIES for an indefinite period.</p> <p>Second by Commissioner Blanton.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	ROLL CALL VOTE					
	Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
	Bethea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Blanton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Hobgood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Rader	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Roller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bizzell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

RULEMAKING

<p>Motion by Commissioner Roller to approve Notice of Text for Rulemaking for proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment of 15A NCAC 03J .0301 to simplify pot marking requirements and approve the associated fiscal analysis; • Adoption of 15A NCAC 03M .0523 for false albacore management and approve the associated fiscal analysis; and • Adoption of 15A NCAC 03O .0601-.0606 in support of the Wildlife Violator Compact and approve the associated fiscal analysis. <p>Second by Commissioner Rader.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	ROLL CALL VOTE					
	Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
	Bethea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Blanton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Roller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bizzell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(End of actions on August 23, 2024)