

# Marine Fisheries Commission Business Meeting

## AGENDA

Hilton Raleigh North Hills; Raleigh, NC

August 20-21, 2025

*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, August 20, 2025

#### 1:00 p.m. Preliminary Matters

- Swearing in of New Commissioners
- Commission Call to Order\* – *Sammy Corbett, Chairman*
- Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
- Review Ethics Evaluations of New Commissioners
- Conflict of Interest Reminder
- Roll Call
- Remarks by Department of Environmental Quality Secretary Wilson
- **Approval of Agenda \*\***
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes \*\***

#### 1:15 p.m. Chairman's Report

- Letters and Online Comments
- Ethics Training and Statement of Economic Interest Reminder
- 2026 Proposed Meeting Schedule
- **Elect Vice Chair \*\***

#### 1:30 p.m. Director's Report – *Kathy Rawls*

- Informational Materials
- Rule Suspension Memo

#### 2:00 p.m. Rulemaking – *Catherine Blum*

- 2024-2025 Rulemaking Cycle Update

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**\*\*Probable Action Items**

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- 2025-2026 Rulemaking Cycle Update

2:15 p.m. Independent Sampling – *Jacqui Degan*  
2:45 p.m. Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3 Adaptive Management – *Robert Corbett*  
3:15 p.m. Break  
6:00 p.m. Return for Public Comment Period

### Thursday, August 21, 2025

9:00 a.m. Public Comment Period  
9:30 a.m. Atlantic Bonito Information Update – *Jacqui Degan*  
10:00 a.m. Standard Commercial Fishing License Eligibility Report – *Capt. Garland Yopp, Chearin Lewis*

- **Vote on setting temporary cap on the number of licenses in the Eligibility Pool\*\***

10:30 a.m. FMP Annual Review – *Charlton Godwin*  
11:30 a.m. Characterization of North Carolina’s Sheepshead Fisheries– *Anne Markwith*  
12:00 p.m. Lunch Break  
1:30 p.m. Characterization of North Carolina’s Black Drum Fisheries – *Chris Stewart*  
2:00 p.m. Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 4 – *Jeff Dobbs, Anne Markwith*

- **Vote on Final Adoption of Amendment 4**

2:30 p.m. Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 5 – *Jeff Dobbs*

- Commission input on management issues/topics for inclusion in draft plan

3:30 p.m. Central/Southern Management Area Striped Bass Data Analysis – *Dan Zapf, Todd Mathes, Charlton Godwin*  
4:30 p.m. Issues from Commissioners  
5:00 p.m. Meeting Assignments and Preview of Agenda Items for Next Meeting – *Jesse Bissette*  
5:15 p.m. Adjourn

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