

Motions

N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission

August 20-21, 2025

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

<div>Motion by Commissioner Rader to approve the meeting agenda.</div> <div>Second by Commissioner Gardner.</div> <div>Motion passed unanimously.</div>		ROLL CALL VOTE				
	Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
	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"/>
	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"/>
	Mallette	<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"/>
	Service	<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"/>

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

<div>Motion by Commissioner Roller to approve the May 2025 business meeting minutes.</div> <div>Second by Commissioner Hobgood.</div> <div>Motion passed unanimously.</div>		ROLL CALL VOTE				
	Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
	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"/>
	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"/>
	Mallette	<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"/>
	Service	<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"/>

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Commissioner Roller nominated Commissioner Hobgood for Marine Fisheries Commission Vice Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Service.

Commissioner Blanton nominated Commissioner Gardner for Marine Fisheries Commission Vice Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Mallette.

Votes for Commissioner Hobgood: 4.
Votes for Commissioner Gardner: 5.
0 abstentions.

Commissioner Gardner was elected as Marine Fisheries Commission Vice Chair.

(End of actions on August 20, 2025)

STANDARD COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE ELIGIBILITY POOL

Motion by Commissioner Gardner to set the temporary cap on the number of licenses in the Standard Commercial Fishing License Eligibility Pool for fiscal year 2025-2026 at 500.

Second by Commissioner Blanton.

Motion passed 8-1.

ATLANTIC BONITO PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Motion by Commissioner Roller to ask the DMF to bring proposed rulemaking language for a five-fish recreational bag limit per person for Atlantic bonito to the MFC at its November 2025 business meeting.

Second by Commissioner Hobgood.

Motion passes 6-0-3.

	ROLL CALL VOTE				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Blanton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>
Gardner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>
Mallette	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>
Service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS
SOUTHERN FLOUNDER FMP AMENDMENT 4

<p>Motion by Commissioner Roller for the MFC to approve final adoption of the N.C. Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 4 with the following management option:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">EXPEDITED ALLOCATION SHIFT: Expedite the sector allocation transition to 50% commercial and 50% recreational in 2025 rather than in 2026 as prescribed in Amendment 3. <p>Second by Commissioner Mallette.</p> <p>Motion passes 6-2-1.</p>	ROLL CALL VOTE					
	Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
	Blanton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>
	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"/>
	Mallette	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Rader	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Corbett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ISSUES FROM COMMISSIONERS

<p>Motion by Commissioner Blanton for the MFC Chair to send a letter to the N.C. General Assembly on behalf of the MFC to highlight the importance of the resources (funding) to the DEQ and the DMF to ensure the long-term viability and sustainability of the State’s marine and estuarine resources, and potentially use the loss of Program 195 to highlight the importance of long-term sampling programs.</p> <p>Second by Commissioner Hobgood.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>

(End of actions on August 21, 2025)