

NC Marine Fisheries Commission

June 2026 Committee Reports

August 2026 Quarterly Business Meeting

Documents

Habitat & Water Quality Advisory
Committee



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June 29, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: Marine Fisheries Commission
Habitat & Water Quality Advisory Committee

FROM: Coral Sawyer, Program Assistant
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SUBJECT: Meeting of the Marine Fisheries Commission's Habitat & Water Quality Advisory Committee, June 25, 2026, to have conversation between the Division and the Advisory Committee on options available in the Coastal Habitat Protection Plan.

The Marine Fisheries Commission's (MFC) Habitat & Water Quality Advisory Committee (AC) held a meeting on June 25, 2026, at the NCDMF Central District Office in Morehead City, North Carolina, and via webinar. AC members could attend in either setting to communicate with other committee members.

On June 19, 2026, prior to the meeting, briefing materials, including the meeting agenda and draft minutes from the March 18, 2026, meeting, were distributed to the Advisory Committee via email.

The following Advisory Committee members were in attendance in person: Doug Rader – Chair, Jack Durham, Nathan Hall, Scott Leahy, Mark Parrish, Lisa Rider, Mark Sonder. The following members were in attendance online: Sarah Gardner – Vice Chair, Cate Arnold, David Glenn. (Absent: Joel Fodrie)

Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) Staff: Michelle Brodeur, Charlie Deaton, Derek Detweiler, Zach Harrison, Mike Loeffler, Hope Wade, Sergeant Brian Gupton.

The following members of the public signed in: Glenn Skinner, Chris Elkins, Christina Boxberger, Jon Durham.

The Habitat & Water Quality AC had ten members present at the start of the meeting and a quorum was met.

Habitat & Water Quality AC Chair Doug Rader called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The full meeting can be viewed [here](#).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Sarah Gardner and seconded by Scott Leahy. The motion passed unanimously. A motion to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2026, meeting was made by Mark Parrish and seconded by Lisa Rider. The motion passed unanimously.

COASTAL HABITAT PROTECTION PLAN

DMF Biologist Charlie Deaton gave a presentation on the management options under the 2026 Draft Amendment to the Coastal Habitat Protection Plan. After the presentation, Chair Doug Rader opened the floor to advisors for comments and questions. The presentation and following discussion can be viewed [here](#).



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PUBLIC COMMENT

There were three members of the public that provided comment. Public comment was given from 7:36 p.m. until 7:58 p.m. by Glenn Skinner, Chris Elkins, Jon Durham. Chair Doug Rader closed public comment and turned the floor back over to the AC. Public comment can be viewed [here](#).

ISSUES FROM AC MEMBERS

Chair Doug Rader opened the floor to advisors for comments and questions. Lisa Rider requested a presentation from APNEP at an upcoming meeting. Scott Leahy requested that the written meeting minutes include more detail beyond what is available in the meeting recording, specifically regarding issues raised by members and reference to the briefing materials distributed prior to the meeting.

With no other issues from AC members, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.