

Marine Fisheries Commission Business Meeting

AGENDA

Doubletree by Hilton Raleigh Midtown; Raleigh, NC

August 19-20, 2026

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 19, 2026

- 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
 - **Approval of Meeting Minutes ****
- 1:15 p.m. Chairman's Report
- Letters and Online Comments
 - Ethics Training and Statement of Economic Interest Reminder
 - 2027 Proposed Meeting Schedule
 - **Elect Vice Chair ****
- 1:30 p.m. Director's Report – *Interim Director Michael S. Loeffler*
- Red Snapper EFP Update – *Trish Murphey*
- 2:00 p.m. Fishery Management Plan Updates – *Dan Zapf, Jeff Dobbs*
- Implementation of Adopted FMPs
 - Upcoming FMPs
- 2:15 p.m. FMP Annual Review – *Charlton Godwin, Jeff Dobbs*

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***Probable Action Items*

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- 3:15 p.m. Review of Kingfishes Stock Complex Data – *Matthew Doster, Claire Pelletier*
- 3:45 p.m. Break
- 6:00 p.m. Return for Evening Public Comment Period

Thursday, August 20, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. Public Comment Period
- 9:30 a.m. Division of Water Resources – Water Quality & the Connection to Division of Marine Fisheries– *DEQ-DWR Deputy Directors Michael Pjetraj, Julie Grzyb*
- 10:30 a.m. Coastal Habitat Protection Plan 2026 Amendment – *Charlie Deaton, Derek Detweiler, Jaselyn Owens*
- 11:30 a.m. Standard Commercial Fishing License (SCFL) Eligibility Report – *Capt. Garland Yopp*
- **Vote on setting the number of licenses in the SCFL Eligibility Pool for the 2026-2027 License Year ****
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break
- 1:30 p.m. **Rule suspensions **** – *Jason Rock*
- 1:45 p.m. Rulemaking – *Catherine Blum*
- 2024-2025 Rulemaking Cycle Update
 - 2025-2026 Rulemaking Cycle Update
 - 2026-2027 Rulemaking Cycle Update
 - Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules
 - **Vote to approve final determination of rules:**
 - **15A NCAC 03Q .0100;**
 - **All other rules in 15A NCAC 03;**
 - **15A NCAC 10C .0100; and,**
 - **15A NCAC 18A .0100, .0300-.0900, and .3400.**
- 2:00 p.m. Issues from Commissioners
- 2:30 p.m. Meeting Assignments and Preview of Agenda Items for Next Meeting – *Barbie Byrd*
- 2:45 p.m. Adjourn

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