

Marine Fisheries Commission Business Meeting

MEETING AGENDA

Hilton Garden Inn; Kitty Hawk, NC

February 18-19, 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, February 18, 2026

6:00 p.m. Public Comment Period

Thursday, February 19, 2026

9:00 a.m. Public Comment Period

9:30 a.m. Preliminary Matters

- Commission Call to Order* – *Sammy Corbett, Chairman*
- Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
- Conflict of Interest Reminder
- Roll Call
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes ****

9:45 a.m. Chairman's Report

- Letters and Online Comments
- Ethics Training and Statement of Economic Interest Reminder
- 2026 Proposed Meeting Schedule

10:00 a.m. Director's Report – *Kathy Rawls*

- Red Snapper EFP Update – *Trish Murphey*
- ESA Section 10 Incidental Take Permit Information

11:00 a.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
- 2026-2027 Rulemaking Cycle
 - **Vote to select preferred management option and associated proposed language for rulemaking for Atlantic Bonito Management issue paper ****

- 11:45 a.m. Fishery Management Plan Updates – *Dan Zapf, Jeff Dobbs*
- Implementation of Adopted FMPs
 - 2026 Spring Gulf Flounder Season
 - Upcoming FMPs
 - Red Drum FMP Amendment 2
 - Kingfishes FMP Amendment 1
 - Southern Flounder FMP Amendment 5
- 12:15 p.m. 2025 Spotted Seatrout Cold Stun Update – *Lucas Pensinger*
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch Break
- 2:00 p.m. Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules – *Catherine Blum*
- **Vote to approve initial determination of rules and proceed to public notice, per N.C.G.S. 150B-21.3A:**
 - **15A NCAC 03Q .0100 ****
 - **All other rules in 15A NCAC 03 ****
 - **15A NCAC 10C .0100 ****
 - **15A NCAC 18A .0100, .0300-.0900, and .3400 ****
- 2:30 p.m. Update on Mandatory Harvest Reporting – *Jesse Bisette*
- 2:45 p.m. Issues from Commissioners
- 3:15 p.m. Meeting Assignments and Preview of Agenda Items for Next Meeting – *Jesse Bisette*
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

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