Motions
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission
February 18-19, 2026

PRELIMINARY MATTERS
APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Roller to approve the November 2025 business meeting minutes.

Second by Commissioner Service.

Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Commissioner Roller to add a presentation on the Deepwater Oyster Recovery Areas adopted under Amendment 5 of the Eastern Oyster FMP.

Second by Commissioner Rader.

Motion passed, 8-0 with one abstention.

Member	ROLL CALL VOTE				
	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Blanton	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Closs	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Gardner	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Hobgood	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mallette	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Rader	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Roller	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Service	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Corbett	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐

Motion by Commissioner Roller to add Blue Crab FMP Amendment 3 Adaptive Management to the MFC's May 2026 business meeting agenda, including a possible vote to select Amendment 3 adaptive management options.

Second by Commissioner Rader.

Motion failed, 4-4 with one abstention.

Member	ROLL CALL VOTE				
	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Blanton	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Closs	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Gardner	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Hobgood	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Mallette	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Rader	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Roller	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Service	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Corbett	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐

RULEMAKING

2026-2027 RULEMAKING CYCLE

Motion by Commissioner Roller to select Option 4 as the MFC's preferred management option, including the associated proposed language for rulemaking, for the Atlantic Bonito Management issue paper.

Second by Commissioner Hobgood.

Motion passed, 5-2 with two abstentions.

	ROLL CALL VOTE				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Blanton	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Close	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Gardner	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Hobgood	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mallette	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Rader	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Roller	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Service	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Corbett	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐

PERIODIC REVIEW AND EXPIRATION OF EXISTING RULES
VOTE ON FOUR REPORTS

Motion by Commissioner Roller to approve the initial determination of rules and proceed to public notice, per N.C.G.S. 150B-21.3A for the following:
- 15A NCAC 03Q .0100;
- All other rules in 15A NCAC 03;
- 15A NCAC 10C .0100; and
- 15A NCAC 18A .0100, .0300-.0900, and .3400.

Second by Commissioner Gardner.

Motion passed unanimously.

	ROLL CALL VOTE				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Blanton	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Close	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Gardner	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Hobgood	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mallette	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Rader	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Roller	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Service	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Corbett	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐

(End of actions on February 19, 2026)