

# Marine Fisheries Commission Business Meeting

## AGENDA

Beaufort Hotel; Beaufort, NC

May 21-23, 2025

*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, May 21, 2025

6:00 p.m. Public Comment Period

### Thursday, May 22, 2025

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 Agenda \*\***
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes \*\***

9:45 a.m. Chairman's Report

- Letters and Online Comments
- Ethics Training and Statement of Economic Interest Reminder
- Committee Reports

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

- Informational Materials
  - Spotted Seatrout Cold Stun Update Memo

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**\*\*Probable Action Items**

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- Rule Suspension Memo

10:30 a.m. Economic Analysis Presentation – *Jason Walsh, Catherine Blum*

11:30 a.m. Rulemaking – *Catherine Blum*

- 2023-2024 Rulemaking Cycle Update
- 2024-2025 Rulemaking Cycle Update
- 2025-2026 Rulemaking Cycle
  - **Vote on Notice of Text for Rulemaking for amendment of 15A NCAC 03I .0101, .0114, 03O .0501-.0503 for Permit-Related Rules \*\***
  - **Vote on Notice of Text for Rulemaking for amendment of 15A NCAC 03I .0101, 03O .0201, .0207, .0208, .0210 for Franchises and Shellfish Leases \*\***

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. Central Southern Management Area Striped Bass – *Dan Zapf, Charlton Godwin, Todd Mathes*

2:00 p.m. Spotted Seatrout Cold Stun Information Update – *Lucas Pensinger, Melinda Lambert*

2:15 p.m. Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3 Adaptive Management – *Robert Corbett, McLean Sewart*

3:00 p.m. Eastern Oyster Fishery Management Plan Amendment 5 – *Bennett Paradis, Joe Facendola*

- **Vote on Final Adoption of Amendment 5 \*\***

3:45 p.m. Hard Clam Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3 – *Lorena de la Garza, Jeff Dobbs*

- **Vote on Final Adoption of Amendment 3 \*\***

### Friday, May 23, 2025

9:00 a.m. Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 4 – *Jeff Dobbs*

- Review public comment and AC recommendations
- **Select preferred management option \*\***

9:30 a.m. Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 5 – *Jeff Dobbs, Dan Zapf*

- Scoping Period Overview

10:00 a.m. Submerged Aquatic Vegetation – *Charlie Deaton*

- Economic valuation of fisheries production enhancement from seagrass in a temperate estuary - *Madeline Payne*
- Dynamics of fish-habitat relationships in NC seagrass meadows – *Joel Fodrie*

11:00 a.m. Issues from Commissioners

11:30 a.m. Meeting Assignments and Preview of Agenda Items for Next Meeting – *Jesse Bissette*

11:45 a.m. Adjourn

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