

Marine Fisheries Commission Business Meeting

MEETING AGENDA

Holiday Inn Resort Lumina; Wrightsville Beach, NC
November 19-20, 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, November 19, 2025

1:00 p.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 ****

1:15 p.m. Chairman's Report

- Letters and Online Comments
- Ethics Training and Statement of Economic Interest Reminder
- 2026 Proposed Meeting Schedule
- MFC Nominating Committee – *Chris Batsavage*
 - **Vote on slate of nominees for obligatory seat for the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council ****

1:45 p.m. Director's Report – *Kathy Rawls*

- Rule Suspensions – *Jason Rock*

2:15 p.m. License & Statistics Annual Report – *Brandi Salmon*

2:45 p.m. Information about the R/V Carolina Coast/Program 195 – *Jason Rock*

3:45 p.m. Stock Assessments 101 – *Matt Damiano*

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***Probable Action Items*

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- 4:30 p.m. Break
- 6:00 p.m. Return for Public Comment Period

Thursday, November 20, 2025

- 9:00 a.m. Public Comment Period
- 9:30 a.m. Remarks by Secretary of Department of Environmental Quality – *Secretary Reid Wilson*
- 9:45 a.m. Rulemaking – *Catherine Blum*
- 2024-2025 Rulemaking Cycle Update
 - 2025-2026 Rulemaking Cycle Update
 - **Vote on Final Approval to amend 15A NCAC 03I .0101, .0114, 03O .0501-.0503 for permit requirements**
 - **Vote on Final Approval to amend 15A NCAC 03I .0101, 03O .0201, .0207, .0208, .0210 for conforming changes to franchise and shellfish lease requirements**
 - 2026-2027 Rulemaking Cycle
 - Preliminary Atlantic bonito proposed rulemaking language
- 10:15 a.m. Fishery Management Plan Updates – *Dan Zapf, Jeff Dobbs*
- Implementation of Adopted FMPs
 - Upcoming FMPs
 - Red Drum FMP Amendment 2
 - Kingfishes FMP Amendment 1
- 10:30 a.m. Coastal Habitat Protection Plan Update – *Charlie Deaton*
- 11:00 a.m. Mandatory Harvest Reporting Demonstration – *Jesse Bissette*
- 11:30 p.m. Lunch Break
- 1:00 p.m. History of Southern Flounder Management through Amendment 5 – *Jeff Dobbs*
- 2:00 p.m. Indicators for the North Carolina Southern Flounder Stock – *Matt Damiano*
- 3:00 p.m. Estuarine Striped Bass FMP Amendment 2 Adaptive Management – *Dan Zapf, Charlton Godwin, Todd Mathes*
- Tar-Pamlico/Neuse Rivers Harvest Management Plan
- 4:00 p.m. Issues from Commissioners
- 4:30 p.m. Meeting Assignments and Preview of Agenda Items for Next Meeting – *Jesse Bissette*
- 4:45 p.m. Adjourn

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