Marine Fisheries Commission Business Meeting
AGENDA

Holiday Inn Resort Lumina; Wrightsville Beach, NC
November 18, 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, November 18, 2026

9:00 a.m. Public Comment Period

10:30 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 ****

10:45 a.m. Chairman's Report
- Letters and Online Comments
- Ethics Training and Statement of Economic Interest Reminder
- 2027 Meeting Schedule

11:00 a.m. Committee Reports
- MFC Nominating Committee – *Chris Batsavage*
  - **Vote on slate of nominees for the at-large seat for the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council ****
  - **Vote on slate of nominees for the at-large seat for the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council ****

11:30 a.m. Director's Report – *Jonathan Howell*
- Rule Suspensions – *Jason Rock*

12:30 p.m. Lunch

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*****Probable Action Items***

1:30 p.m. Coastal Habitat Protection Plan 2026 Amendment – *Charlie Deaton*

- **Vote to send draft plan out for public and advisory committee review ****

2:00 p.m. Results of the Kingfishes FMP Scoping Period – *Matthew Doster, Dan Zapf*

- **Vote on approval of Goal and Objectives for Kingfishes FMP Amendment 1 ****

2:30 p.m. Rulemaking – *Catherine Blum*

- 2026-2027 Rulemaking Cycle
  - **Receive public comments and vote on final approval to adopt 15A NCAC 03M .0524 for Atlantic Bonito Management ****

3:00 p.m. Issues from Commissioners

3:30 p.m. Meeting Assignments and Preview of Agenda Items for Next Meeting – *TBD, MFC Coordinator*

3:45 p.m. Adjourn

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