

## MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING

Crystal Coast Civic Center, Morehead City, N.C.

Feb. 22-24, 2012

*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).*

### Feb. 22

6 p.m.

Public Meeting

*Receive public comment relative to fisheries management issues.*

### Feb. 23

9 a.m.

Call to Order\*

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Conflict of Interest Reminder

Roll Call

**Approval of Agenda\*\***

**Approval of Meeting Minutes\*\***

9:15 a.m.

Public Comment

*Receive public comment relative to fisheries management issues.*

9:45 a.m.

Issues from Commissioners

10 a.m.

Chairman's Report

*Review administrative actions and issues from the chair.*

- Letters
- 2012 Adviser Appointments

10:15 a.m.

Committee Reports

*Review and consideration of action items from committee meetings.*

- Define a Commercial Fisherman – Chairman Rob Bizzell  
*Review committee recommendations for license restructuring.*

**Vote on Adopting Recommendations\*\***

- Coastal Recreational Fishing License
- Joint Coastal Recreational Fishing License – Dr. Louis Daniel  
*Review funding selections for CRFL Grant Program.*

- Conservation Fund – Randy Gregory  
*Review committee recommendations for funding initiatives.*

**Vote on Adopting Recommendations\*\***

11:15 a.m.

Fishery Management Plan and Rulemaking Update – Catherine Blum

- FMP Review
- Rulemaking Cycle Review
- Issue Paper Review

11:30 a.m.

Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 1 – Chris Batsavage

- FMP Status Update

11:45 a.m.

Shrimp Fishery Management Plan

- Review FMP Revision Criteria – Catherine Blum
- Shrimp FMP Timeline – Trish Murphey and Chris Stewart

12:30 p.m.

Lunch Recess

- 2 p.m. Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2 – Lynn Henry  
*Review advisory committee/public input on draft FMP, select preferred management options, approve draft FMP and approve sending out for departmental and legislative review*
- Review Advisory Committee and Public Input
  - **Select Preferred Management Options\*\***
  - **Vote on Approving Draft FMP\*\***
  - **Vote on sending to Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations\*\***
- 3:30 p.m. Spotted Seatrout Fishery Management Plan – Chip Collier  
*There are no proposed rules associated with this FMP*
- Update of Cold Stun Protocols
  - Review of High Volume Fisheries Information Paper
  - **Vote on Final FMP\*\***
- 4 p.m. Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan Amendment 1 – Charlton Godwin and Katy West
- **Vote on sending FMP forward for Rulemaking\*\***
- 4:30 p.m. Rule Suspensions – David Taylor  
*The commission must vote to continue suspension of any rules the Division of Marine Fisheries director has suspended by proclamation.*
- **Vote on Rule Suspension for Spotted Seatrout\*\***
  - **Vote on Rule Suspension for Gill Net Yardage Restrictions\*\***
  - **Vote on Rule Suspension for Atlantic Ocean Striped Bass Gear Permit Date\*\***
- 5 p.m. Recess

## **Feb. 24**

- 8:30 a.m. Overview of Oyster Sanctuary and Shellfish Mapping Programs – Craig Hardy, Pelle Holmlund and Brian Conrad
- 9:15 a.m. Director's Report  
*Reports and updates on recent Division of Marine Fisheries activities.*
- Legislative Update – Dr. Louis Daniel
  - Oyster Season Update – Mike Marshall
  - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission – Dr. Louis Daniel
  - Quota Update for Black Sea Bass, Summer Flounder, Spiny Dogfish and Striped Bass - Dr. Louis Daniel
  - Highly Migratory Species – Randy Gregory
    - Bluefin Tuna Update
  - Mandatory Electronic Dealer Reporting – Alan Bianchi
  - Protected Resources Update – Jacob Boyd
    - Atlantic Sturgeon Listing
    - Observer Program
  - Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Red Munden
  - South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Michelle Duval
- Recurring Updates
- Marine Patrol Report
  - Coastal Recreational Fishing License Sales Report
  - Coastal Angler Program
  - Red Drum and Striped Bass Quota
  - Southern Flounder Landings
- 11 a.m. Issues from Commissioners
- 11:30 a.m. Adjourn

## **2012 Meeting Schedule:**

**Feb. 22-24 Morehead City**

**Aug. 22-24 Raleigh**

**May 9-11 Pine Knoll Shores**

**Nov. 7-9 Atlantic Beach**

*\* Times indicated are merely for guidance. The commission will proceed through the agenda until completed.*

**\*\*Action Items**