

MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING
Holiday Inn in Wilmington, N.C.
August 11 - 13, 2010

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.

Aug. 11

6 p.m. Public Meeting
Receive public comment relative to fisheries management issues.

Aug. 12

9 a.m. Call to Order*
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Conflict of Interest Reminder
Roll Call
Approval of Agenda**
Approval of February and May 2010 Meeting Minutes**

9:10 a.m. Recognition of Service for David Beresoff and Rusty Russ
Plaque presentation to former commission members.

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

- Letters
- Sea Turtle Advisory Committee Appointments
- Update on BT-11
- Hearing Reminder – Aug. 25 at 6 p.m., Craven County Agricultural Ext. Building, 300 Industrial Dr., New Bern

10:15 a.m. Petition for Rulemaking

- James Massengill

10:30 a.m. **Election of Vice Chairman****

10:45 a.m. Committee Reports
Review and consideration of action items from advisory committee and committee meetings.

- Regionals (Northeast, Central, Southeast and Inland)
- Shellfish
- Habitat and Water Quality
- Strategic Habitat Area Committee – Region Two
- N.C. Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan (Albemarle/Roanoke and Central/Southern)
- Commercial License Review Taskforce – Don Hesselman

11 a.m. Stock Status Update - Trish Murphey
Review of the Division of Marine Fisheries' annual stock status report.

11:30 a.m. Fishery Management Plans – David Taylor

- Annual Plan Update
- **Approval of Five-Year Schedule****

Noon Lunch Recess

- 1:30 p.m. Draft Bay Scallop Fishery Management Plan Amendment 1– Tina Moore
Review and consideration of advisory committee and public comment, and selection of management options.
- Review Advisory Committee and Public Comment
 - **Vote on Preferred Management Options****
 - **Vote to approve Draft Plan****
 - **Vote to send to DENR Secretary and JLCSA****
- 2:30 p.m. Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 1 – Chris Batsavage
Review plan amendment and vote on sending out to advisory committees/public meetings.
- **Vote to send out to public meetings****
- 3:30 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 Size Limit****
 - **Vote on Rule Suspension for Gill Net Yardage Restrictions****
- 3:45 p.m. SCFL License Eligibility Report/Set Eligibility Pool Cap – Rich Carpenter
Each year the commission must set a cap on the number of Standard Commercial Fishing Licenses in the License Eligibility Pool.
- **Set Eligibility Pool Cap****
- 4 p.m. Coastal Habitat Protection Plan – Jimmy Johnson
Review public comment on draft plan amendment and selection of management options.
- Review Advisory Committee and Public Comment
 - **Vote to approve Draft Plan****
 - **Vote to send to DENR Secretary and JLCSA****
- 5 p.m. Recess

Aug. 13

- 8:30 a.m. Oil Spill Update
Update on state and division efforts related to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico.
- Status Report – Louis Daniel
 - Information Paper of Effort Shift – Dee Lupton
 - Market Impacts – Don Hesselman
- 9:30 a.m. Director’s Report – Louis Daniel
Reports and updates on recent Division of Marine Fisheries activities.
- Legislative Update
 - Oysters
 - Hyde County Meeting
 - Status and Concerns
 - Red Drum Landings
 - Cape Lookout National Seashore
 - Data/Information Requests for Division of Marine Fisheries
 - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
 - Weakfish
 - Dogfish
 - Atlantic Croaker
 - Addendum II to Amendment 6 Interstate FMP for Striped Bass – Michelle Duval

- Hook-and-Line Workgroup Update – Michelle Duval
- Protected Resources Update – Louis Daniel, Red Munden
 - Section 10 Permit
 - Observer Program/Reports
- Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Red Munden
- South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Brian Chevront
 - Snapper-Grouper Quota Management
- Handouts
 - Marine Patrol Report
 - Coastal Recreational Fishing License Sales Report
 - Coastal Angler Program Update

Noon Adjourn

2010 Meeting Schedule:
Nov. 3-5 in New Bern

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

****Action Items**

Executive Order 34 orders that in transacting board business, each person appointed by the governor shall act always in the best interest of the public without regard for her or his financial interests. To this end, each appointee must recuse herself or himself from voting on any matter on which the appointee has a financial interest. 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 consistent with Executive Order 34, the commissioner should inform the chair of the commission in accordance with N.C.G.S. 138A-15(e).