

MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING
Clam Digger Inn in Pine Knoll Shores, N.C.
February 10-11, 2011

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.

Feb. 10

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

Feb. 11

8 a.m. Call to Order*
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Conflict of Interest Reminder
Roll Call
Approval of Agenda**
Approval of Meeting Minutes**

8:15 a.m. Public Comment
Receive public comment relative to fisheries management issues

8:45 a.m. Issues from Commissioners

9 a.m. Chairman's Report
Review administrative actions and issues from the chair

- Letters
- Advisory Committee Appointments

9:15 a.m. Committee Reports
Review and consideration of action items from advisory committee and committee meetings

- Coastal Recreational Fishing License
- MFC/WRC Joint Coastal Recreational Fishing License

9:30 a.m. Striped Bass – Louis Daniel and Kathy Rawls
Review and consideration of the Division of Marine Fisheries' response to the mid-January striped bass event off of Dare County

10 a.m. Spotted Seatrout – Louis Daniel and Beth Burns
Review and consideration of the Division of Marine Fisheries' closure of the spotted seatrout fishery in response to recent cold stun events, including the prohibiting of harvest of cold stunned fish with dip nets

10:30 a.m. Southern Flounder FMP Supplement A – Chris Batsavage
Review supplement process and selection of management options

- **Vote on Approving Supplement****
- **Vote on Implementing Management Measures via Proclamation****

11 a.m. Striped Bass FMP Amendment 1
Review and consideration of the Division of Marine Fisheries' stock assessment for striped bass in the Central/Southern Management Area

- Central/Southern Striped Bass Stock Assessment – Helen Takade Heumacher

Noon Blue Crab FMP Amendment 2 – David Taylor
Review timeline and approve FMP goals and objectives

- **Vote on Goals and Objectives****

12:30 p.m. Lunch Recess

1:30 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****

- 1:45 p.m. Rulemaking Update – Catherine Blum
- 2010/2011 Cycle
 - 2011/2012 Cycle
- 2 p.m. Federal Aid Report – Kelly Price
- 2:30 p.m. Director’s Report
- Reports and updates on recent Division of Marine Fisheries activities.*
- Legislative Update
 - Budget Update
 - Oyster Season Update – Mike Marshall
 - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
 - Striped Bass
 - Spiny Dogfish
 - American Shad
 - For-Hire License Update – Don Hesselman
 - Protected Resources Update – Red Munden
 - Observer Program Update
 - Revised Sea Turtle Settlement Agreement
 - Revised Incidental Take Permit
 - Atlantic Sturgeon
 - Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Red Munden
 - South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Brian Chevront
 - Bang Stick Prohibition Request
 - Other Reports
 - Marine Patrol Report
 - Coastal Recreational Fishing License Sales Report
 - Coastal Angler Program Update
 - Red Drum Quota Update
- 3:45 p.m. Issues from Commissioners
- 4 p.m. Adjourn

2011 Meeting Schedule:

Feb. 10-11	Pine Knoll Shores
May 11-13	Atlantic Beach
Aug. 10-12	Raleigh
Nov. 2-4	Atlantic Beach

** 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).