

MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING
Hilton Gardens in Kitty Hawk
March 23 - 25, 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.

March 23

6 p.m. Public Meeting

March 24

9 a.m. Call to Order*
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Conflict of Interest Reminder
Roll Call
Approval of Agenda**
Approval of December 2009 and February 2010 Meeting Minutes**

9:15 a.m. Public Comment

10 a.m. Issues from Commissioners

10:15 a.m. Chairman's Report

- BT-11 Update
- Letters

10:45 a.m. Clarification of Executive Order 34 – Frank Crawley

11 a.m. Petition for Rulemaking

- James Massengill

11:30 a.m. Committee Reports

- Civil Penalty/Law Enforcement Committee
- Shellfish Advisory Committee
- Strategic Habitat Area Committee – Region Two
- Coastal Habitat Protection Plan

Noon Lunch Recess

1:30 p.m. Discussion of Gill Net Proclamation to Address ESA Issues

2:30 p.m. Spotted Seatrout Fishery Management Plan – Beth Burns

- **Vote on Draft FMP for Public Meetings****

4 p.m. Rule Suspension for Spotted Seatrout – David Taylor

- **Vote on Rule Suspension****

4:15 p.m. Amendment 1 Southern Flounder FMP Update– David Taylor

4:30 p.m. Amendment 1 Striped Bass FMP and Assessment Update – Sara Winslow

5 p.m. FMP Guidelines/Management Flexibility – Mike Marshall

6 p.m. Recess

March 25

8:30 a.m. Hyde County Petition to Amend the Oyster Fishery Management Plan

9 a.m. Red Drum Information Paper – Lee Paramore

- 9:30 a.m. Issue Papers /Annual Rulemaking Cycle – Catherine Blum
10 a.m. Coastal Angling Program – Doug Mumford
10:30 a.m. Director’s Report – Louis Daniel
- Limited Bay Scallop Season
 - Legislative Update
 - Legislative Proposals
 - Boards and Commissions Study
 - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
 - Spiny Dogfish Quota
 - Striped Bass Quota
 - Weakfish
 - American Shad
 - South Atlantic Board
 - Striped Bass – Sara Winslow
 - Ocean Striped Bass Permit and Allocation
 - Albemarle Sound Management Area
 - Fed. Reg. Notice and Comments on Atlantic Sturgeon
 - Observer Program
 - South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Brian Chevront
 - Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Update – Red Munden
 - Monkfish Fishery
 - Handouts
 - Marine Patrol Report
 - Coastal Recreational Fishing License Sales Report
 - Red Drum Landings
 - WAMI Report
- 12:30 p.m. Adjourn

2010 Meeting Schedule:

May 12-14 in Raleigh
Aug. 11-13 in Wilmington
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).