Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee
Department of Environmental Quality Regional Office
943 Washington Square Mall, Highway 17, Washington, NC
Wednesday, July 18, 2018, 6 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Call to Order*
Vote on the Approval of the Agenda **
Vote on the Approval of the May 9, 2018 Minutes **

6:05 p.m. Public Comment
Receive public comment on fisheries management issues under the scope of the committee

6:20 p.m. Introductions/ Comments by Chair

6:30 p.m. Research Recommendations
Review prior research recommendations, as well as those from the January 2018 stock assessment and peer review panel

7:05 p.m. Management History of Southern Flounder Presentation and Discussion
Receive presentation from DMF staff on the management history of southern flounder followed by AC discussion

7:55 p.m. Review Future Meetings
Review tentative schedule for next and future meetings

8:00 p.m. Adjourn

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

The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), through the Department of Environmental Quality, is charged with the preparation and writing of proposed fishery management plans (FMP), for adoption by the Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC). To assist the DMF in the development of FMPs, the chair of the MFC appoints a fishery management plan advisory committee (AC) that is composed of commercial fishermen, recreational fishermen, scientists, and others, all with expertise in the fishery for which the FMP is being developed. The following are the specific roles of appointed advisers in assisting the DMF in the development of FMPs:

- Assist DMF staff in identifying and evaluating management issues and options to be addressed in the FMP
- Evaluate the impacts of management options on the resource and user groups
- Review and provide comments on all sections of the draft FMP for completeness and accuracy
- Assist the DMF in informing the public on the issues contained in the FMP
- Attend public meetings held in advisers’ regional area
- Solicit comments from peers and bring comments back to the AC