Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee  
Department of Environmental Quality Regional Office  
943 Washington Square Mall, Highway 17, Washington, NC  
Thursday, December 6, 2018, 6 p.m.

6 p.m.  Call to Order and Introductory Remarks*  
Vote on the Approval of the Agenda **  
Vote on the Approval of the August 8, 2018 Minutes **

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

6:15 p.m.  Review FMP Section: Ecosystem Impacts on the Fishery  
Receive a presentation from DMF staff on the draft Ecosystem Impacts on the Fishery section of the FMP

7:00 p.m.  Review FMP Issue Paper: Achieving Sustainable Harvest in the North Carolina Blue Crab Fishery  
Receive a presentation from DMF staff on management measures to achieve sustainable harvest in the North Carolina blue crab fishery

8:00 p.m.  Review FMP Issue Paper: Management Options Beyond Quantifiable Harvest Reductions  
Receive a presentation from DMF staff on management measures which may improve the overall North Carolina blue crab stock but the stock response to such measures is not readily quantifiable

8:45 p.m.  Discuss and Set the 2019 Meeting Schedule  
Review and discuss the proposed 2019 meeting schedule

9:00 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