Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee
Department of Environmental Quality Regional Office
943 Washington Square Mall, Highway 17, Washington, NC
Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019, 6 p.m.

6 p.m.  Call to Order *
Vote on the Approval of the Agenda **
Vote on the Approval of the June 27, 2019 Minutes **

6:05 p.m.  Review Public Comment and Advisory Committee Recommendations
Receive information from staff on public comment received and recommendations from the Marine Fisheries Commission's Northern Regional, Southern Regional, Shellfish/Crustacean, and Habitat and Water Quality advisory committees.

6:30 p.m.  Public Comment
Receive public comment on the management of blue crabs.

7:15 p.m.  Draft Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan – Amendment 3
Receive information from staff on changes to draft Amendment 3 since the June 27, 2019 Blue Crab FMP Advisory Committee meeting. Continue discussion on draft Amendment 3 and review of committee's recommendation from June 27, 2019.
Possible vote on committee’s recommendation to the Marine Fisheries Commission on draft Amendment 3 to the Blue Crab FMP **

8:00 p.m.  Brief overview on the next stages in the Fishery Management Plan process
Staff will provide an overview of the next steps in the process.

8:15 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