AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Conflict of Interest Reminder
- Roll Call
- Vote on Approval of Agenda*
- Vote on Approval of April 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes*
- Synopsis of meeting purpose
  - To discuss selection process for the study projects assigned to students participating in Coastal Recreational Fishing License (CRFL) Grant funded Fellowship Programs
- Public Comment - Receive public comment relative to CRFL Fellowship Program Grants
- Overview and status update of UNC Wilmington project *A partnership for sustained fisheries management: development of a research fellowship program between NCDMF and UNCW*
- Overview and status update of NCSU project *Marine Fisheries Fellowship Program (2015-2020)*
- Discussion about current project selection and selection process for future studies within the Fellowship Programs.
- Additional Business
  - Vote to approve updated verbiage to the *Administrative Procedures for Funding from The Marine Resources Fund and The Marine Resources Endowment Fund*:
    - Fellowship Program grants are to provide topic of studies updates for the MFC CRFL Committee to review in the April meeting.
    - Five Year Plan approval process
• DMF proposals to be externally reviewed and CRFL Joint Review Team (CJRT) lead reviewer will be the Wildlife Resources Commission CJRT member

• Adjourn

*Action Items

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.

N.C.G.S. 143B-289.54.(g)(2) states a member of the Marine Fisheries Commission shall not vote on any issue before the Commission that would have a "significant and predictable effect" on the member's financial interest. For purposes of this subdivision, "significant and predictable effect" means there is or may be a close causal link between the decision of the Commission and an expected disproportionate financial benefit to the member that is shared only by a minority of persons within the same industry sector or gear group. A member of the Commission shall also abstain from voting on any petition submitted by an advocacy group of which the member is an officer or sits as a member of the advocacy group's board of directors. A member of the Commission shall not use the member's official position as a member of the Commission to secure any special privilege or exemption of substantial value for any person. No member of the Commission shall, by the member's conduct, create an appearance that any person could improperly influence the member in the performance of the member's official duties.

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, the commissioner should inform the chair of the commission in accordance with N.C.G.S. 138A-15(e).