Northern Regional Advisory Committee
Motion by Michael Blanton to recommend to the Marine Fisheries Commission to deny petition by the NC Wildlife Federation. Seconded by Keith Bruno.

Motion passes 9-1

Roll Call Vote
Glenn Barnes – no
Everett Blake – yes
Michael Blanton – yes
Keith Bruno – yes
Raymond Pugh – yes
Dell Newman – yes
Jim Rice – yes
Gilbert Tripp – yes
Riley Williams – yes
Sara Winslow – yes
Finfish Advisory Committee
Motion by Brent Fulcher to recommend to the Marine Fisheries Commission to deny the petition on the basis that the NC Division of Marine Fisheries has defined, designated and delineated nursery areas since the 1970’s (and will continue to define, designate and delineate nursery areas) and to recommend that the MFC continue collaborative bycatch reduction research with the NC Division of Marine Fisheries and the industry. Seconded by Melvin Shepard.

Motion passes 7-1

Roll Call Vote
Thomas Brewer – yes
Jeff Buckel – yes
Brent Fulcher – yes
Ken Seigler – yes
Melvin Shepard – yes
Scott Whitley – yes
Mike Wicker – no
Sara Winslow – yes
Sammy Corbett – did not vote
Shellfish/Crustacean Advisory Committee
Motion by Brian Shepard to recommend to the Marine Fisheries Commission to deny the petition as frivolous and incomplete based on flawed science. Seconded by Bruce Morris.

Motion passes 8-1

Roll Call Vote
Perry Beasley – yes
Jim Hardin – no
Mike Marshall – yes
Bruce Morris – yes
Martin Posey – yes
Brian Shepard – yes
Tony Tripp – yes
Adam Tyler – yes
Joe Shute – yes
Southern Regional Advisory Committee
Motion by Jake Griffin to recommend to the Marine Fisheries Commission to deny the petition. Seconded by Tom Smith.

Motion to amend by Adam Tyler to include as reasons because there is no new information in the petition, and the 2015 Shrimp FMP measures have not been allowed to work, these proposed rules should only be adopted in the FMP process, and the designations do not follow established protocols. Seconded by Chris Medlin.

Amended motion carries unanimously.
Main motion passes 6-0-1

Roll Call Vote on Main Motion
Charles “Jake” Griffin – yes
Ruth King – yes
Chris Medlin – yes
Randy Proctor – yes
Tom Smith – yes
Adam Tyler – yes
Pam Morris – abstained
Habitat and Water Quality Advisory Committee

Motion by Mike Street to recommend to the Marine Fisheries Commission to deny the petition dated Nov 2, 2016. The petition shows serious lack of knowledge of the actual conduct of North Carolina’s shrimp trawl fishery and its management by the NC Marine Fisheries Commission and the Division of Marine Fisheries. For example:

- Fisheries landings are not a valid measure of the health of a fish stock;
- Just because other states prohibit estuarine shrimp trawling is no reason for North Carolina to do so;
- North Carolina’s existing management system is based on an open process in which all stakeholders participate in preparing fishery management plans and recommending rule changes and that system works;
- The petition fails to consider differences in life history characteristics of the three shrimp species that contribute to North Carolina’s landings; and
- The petition does not provide a rigorous, science-based framework for defining nursery habitats in North Carolina.

Seconded by Terry Pratt.

Motion passed 7-1.

Roll Call Vote
Bob Christian – yes
David Duane – yes
Joel Fodrie – yes
David Glenn – yes
Mark Gorges – no
Terry Pratt – yes
Mike Street – yes
Thomas Willis – yes
Alison Willis – did not vote