

Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee
Department of Environmental Quality Regional Office
943 Washington Square Mall, Highway 17, Washington, NC
Wednesday, August 8, 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 June 13, 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 Annual Traffic Light Update
Receive a presentation from DMF staff on the annual update of the blue crab traffic light
- 6:30 p.m. Review FMP Section: Fishery Impacts on the Ecosystem – Habitat
Receive a presentation from DMF staff on the draft habitat portion of the Fishery Impacts on the Ecosystem section of the FMP
- 7:00 p.m. Review FMP Section: Fishery Impacts on the Ecosystem – Bycatch and Discards
Receive a presentation from DMF staff on the draft bycatch and discards portions of the Fishery Impacts on the Ecosystem section of the FMP
- 7:30 p.m. Review FMP Issue Paper: Establish a Framework to Implement the use of Terrapin Excluder Devices in Crab Pots
Receive a presentation from DMF staff on the draft issue paper setting up a framework to guide the use of terrapin excluder devices in crab pots and an example information paper
Vote on Advisory Committee Recommendation to Establish a Framework to Implement the use of Terrapin Excluder Devices in Crab Pots **
- 8 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*