Marine Fisheries Commission Business Meeting Nov. 7-9, 2012 - Motions

Motion by Anna Beckwith to approve the November 2012 agenda, seconded by Joe Shute - motion carries without objection.

Motion by Chris Elkins to approve the August 2012 meeting minutes, seconded by Bradley Styron - motion carries without objection.

Fishery Management Plans

Motion by Anna Beckwith to amend the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan, but limit the scope of the amendment to bycatch issues in the commercial and recreational fisheries, seconded by Kelly Darden - motion carries 8-1.

Motion by Joe Shute to implement Option 1b as the preferred management option for the commercial fishery in the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 1, seconded by Allyn Powell - motion carries 6-3.

Motion by Mikey Daniels to implement management measures in the recreational southern flounder fishery that will result in a reduction equal to that in the commercial fishery, seconded by Joe Smith - motion fails 3-5.

Motion by Chris Elkins to forward the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 1 to the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations for review, seconded by Joe Shute - motion carries 6-3.

Rule Suspensions

Motion by Anna Beckwith to suspend portions of 15A NCAC 03J .0103 pertaining to gill net yardage restrictions, and portions of 15A NCAC 3O .0501 for Atlantic Ocean Striped Bass Commercial Gear Permit, seconded by Allyn Powell- motion carries without objection.

Motion by Joe Shute to suspend 15A NCAC 03J .0105 pertaining to purse seines, and 15A NCAC 03R .0111 which prohibits Atlantic Ocean purse seines, seconded by Chris Elkins - motion carries 5-4.

Rulemaking – Notice of Text

Motion by Anna Beckwith to approve the six proposed rules and three fiscal analyses for the N.C. Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan for notice of text for rulemaking, seconded by Chris Elkins - motion carries 6-3.

Atlantic Ocean Striped Bass

The Marine Fisheries Commission agreed by consensus to manage the Atlantic Ocean striped bass fishery in the same manner as the previous season.

Weakfish

Motion by Joe Shute to implement a 100-pound commercial trip limit for weakfish without bycatch requirements, seconded by Bradley Styron - motion carries without objection.

American Shad Sustainable Fishery Plan
Motion by Anna Beckwith to accept the Division of Marine Fisheries' recommendation for the American Shad Sustainable Fishery Plan, seconded by Chris Elkins - motion carries 8-1.

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Nominations
Motion by Joe Shute to approve the Nominating Committee's recommended slate of candidates for N.C.'s obligatory seat on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, including the preferred candidate, seconded by Joe Smith - motion carries without objection.