Chairman's Report

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Sept. 6, 2012

Comments on Senate Bill 821
1701 Mail Service Center
Raleigh NC 27699-1701

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission, I offer the following comments regarding Section 2 of Senate Bill 821 pertaining to the possible reorganization of the state's fisheries management agencies.

On Aug. 23, 2012, our commission voted to recommend to the N.C. General Assembly that the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries remains an autonomous agency housed under a state natural resources department.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,

W. Robert Bizzell, Chairman
N. C. Marine Fisheries Commission

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Oct. 2, 2012

Mr. Charles Van Salisbury
1815 White Plains Road
Engelhard, N.C. 27824

Dear Mr. Van Salisbury:

I have been notified that over the last several years you have been found guilty of several fisheries violations related to gill nets. Due to these incidents, I regret that I have to remove you from the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee.

Members of advisory committees for the Marine Fisheries Commission are held to a high standard of conduct in relation to fishing practices. I have instituted a policy that advisory committee members will be removed if they are guilty of a significant fisheries violation.

Please know I appreciate your service to the state of North Carolina.

Sincerely,

W. Robert Bizzell, Chairman
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cc: Marine Fisheries Commission

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Oct. 17, 2012

Governor Bev Perdue
Office of the Governor
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Dear Governor Perdue:

On behalf of the Marine Fisheries Commission and the Division of Marine Fisheries I would like to thank you for the delightful reception you hosted for us at the executive mansion in late August. Both commissioners and division staff enjoyed talking with you and touring the mansion; and the photographs your staff provided will be treasured keepsakes.

I would also like to thank you for the support you have provided our commission during your tenure as governor. Our coastal fisheries are such a valuable natural resource and having your support in maintaining them in a sustainable manner has been invaluable.

Please know it has been an honor for us to serve the state as your appointees and we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

W. Robert Bizzell, Chairman
N. C. Marine Fisheries Commission

cc: Marine Fisheries Commission

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The Honorable Elaine Marshall
N.C. Secretary of State
P.O. Box 29622
Raleigh NC 27626-0622

Dear Secretary Marshall:

On behalf of the Marine Fisheries Commission I would like to thank you for swearing in our new and reappointed commissioners at our business meeting in Raleigh last August.

As always, it was a pleasure seeing you. We appreciate having you take the time out of your busy schedule to administer the oath of office. Your presence made a routine task into a memorable occasion for our commissioners.

Sincerely,

W. Robert Bizzell, Chairman
N. C. Marine Fisheries Commission

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INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE MEETING

Public Comment Guidelines

for

Marine Fisheries Commission Advisory Committee Meetings

The public comment portion of an advisory committee meeting is an opportunity for concerned citizens to express their opinion about coastal fisheries issues. Public input is an important component of the commission's management processes; however, people can be passionate about fish and fishing. In order to have the public comment period function as effectively as possible, the following guidelines will be enforced:

- Comments will only be allowed during the public comment period and not during presentations or committee deliberations.
- Comments should be limited to no more than five minutes. If a speaker exceeds this timeframe they will be asked to wrap up their remarks.
- Comments should be directed to the committee and not the audience. Speakers who try to incite the audience will be asked to be seated.
- Comments should be about fisheries issues and should not be personal or threatening in nature.
- Speakers and the audience should be respectful of differing opinions and should not ridicule others' comments.
- Clapping or shouting from the audience is disruptive and anyone conducting themselves in this manner will be asked to cease the behavior or leave the meeting.
- If an individual has been warned about disruptive behavior the chairman may have that individual removed from the meeting by Marine Patrol if that individual continues to be disruptive.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with these requirements. Your input, and the input of others, is important to the commission.

INFORMATION WILL PROVIDED FOR YOU AT THE MEETING

STATE GOVERNMENT ETHICS ACT

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS

- **Public servants *must* attend**
  - **an Ethics Education & Lobbying Awareness Presentation within 6 months of their election, appointment, or employment; and**
  - **a refresher presentation at least every 2 years thereafter.**

- **Presentations are offered online and live across the State via the Information Highway.**

- **Access to the live program and** http://www.ethicscommission.nc.gov/EDU_schedule.html**dates, times, locations & registration information can be found on the Commission's website at: http://www.ethicscommission.nc.gov/education.**

- **For questions or additional information concerning the education requirements or to register for a live presentation, please contact Shanon Gerger at the State Ethics Commission at (919) 715-2071.**

- **For other questions regarding the State Government Ethics Act, please contact the State Ethics Commission at (919) 715-2071.**

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N.C. MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

2013 MEETING SCHEDULE

Dates	Locations*
Feb. 27 - March 1	Morehead City Area
May 29-31	Southeast Region
Aug. 28-30	Raleigh Area
Nov. 13-15	Northeast Region

***Specific locations to be announced**