

**Joint Meeting of the
Northern, Southern, Finfish, Habitat and Water Quality, and Shellfish/Crustacean
Advisory Committees
Riverfront Convention Center, New Bern, N.C.
Jan. 17, 2017**

- 12:30 p.m. Call to Order*
Explanation of Meeting Process
- 12:35 p.m. North Carolina Wildlife Federation Petition for Rulemaking
- Presentation of the Petition
 - Presentation by the Division of Marine Fisheries
- 2:30 p.m. Advisory Committee Deliberation and Development of Motions on Petition for Rulemaking
Each advisory committee will deliberate and develop motions separately on whether to recommend to the Marine Fisheries Commission to grant the petition and initiate rulemaking or deny the petition
- 3 p.m. Public Comment
Limited to three minutes per person
- 5 p.m. Advisory Committee Vote on Recommendation for Petition for Rulemaking
Each advisory committee will further deliberate and vote separately on whether to recommend to the Marine Fisheries Commission to grant the petition and initiate rulemaking or deny the petition
- **Vote to Recommend Granting or Denying the Petition for Rulemaking****
- 5:30 p.m. Adjourn

** Times indicated are merely for guidance. The committees will proceed through the agenda until completed.*

***Action Items*

****Applies only to Marine Fisheries Commission members*

*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). ****