

Chairman's Report





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Nov. 19, 2012

Commissioner Steve Troxler
N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
1001 Mail Service Center
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Dear Commissioner Troxler,

On behalf of the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission, I would like to thank you and your staff for the recent assistance investigating an agricultural pesticide-related crab kill in Beaufort County, and for the offer of future assistance if needed.

In mid-August, a crab shedder on a Pamlico River tributary reported a sudden die off of blue crabs in his shedding operation, a day after a heavy rainfall event. After contacting the Department of Environment and Natural Resources environmental emergency hotline, the case was directed to your Pesticide Division for investigation. Your staff responded promptly, conducted a thorough field investigation, and took crab, water and sediment samples. The sampling and investigation determined the cause of the kill was a pesticide that is highly toxic to invertebrates that was used on an adjacent cotton field.

While it does not appear there was any misuse of the product, pesticide runoff into shallow estuarine waters is a concern, not only because of the economic impacts to crab shedders, but also because of the potential impact to other important fisheries such as shrimp, crabs and finfish that occur in these estuarine nursery areas. The frequency of pesticide-related kills is unknown, but even if it is more than this isolated case, it would be of great concern. Just as an example of the potential impact - blue crabs support the most valuable fishery in North Carolina, with 2011 landings valued at \$21,282,080 (hard, soft, and peeler crabs).

Our commission feels it is vital to take actions to reduce pesticide runoff into our estuaries so impacts on N.C.'s fisheries are minimized. We appreciate suggestions by Pat Jones with the Pesticide Division, and Tom Hill, with the Soil and Water Conservation Division, to provide additional outreach and technical assistance. They specifically suggested:

1. Modifying the pesticide applicator training course to further emphasize the effect of pesticides on

estuarine organisms, the importance of avoiding and minimizing pesticide runoff, and best management practices to achieve this goal;

2. Working with the crab shedder and the cotton farmer to implement some voluntary conservation actions to reduce pesticide runoff to the canal; and
3. Increasing outreach and technical assistance on this issue to farmers in the coastal counties of the Albemarle-Pamlico region, where low-elevation agricultural fields are often ditched and drain directly into coastal waters.

Again, thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to working with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in the future regarding sustainability of our estuarine resources and coastal economies.

Sincerely,



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

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Dr. Louis Daniel, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries

North Carolina Marine Fisheries

Attention: Chairman Robert Bizzell

Dear Chairman Bizzell,

I am the owner of the Seaview Fishing Pier in North Topsail Beach, North Carolina. My pier is located 3.5 miles south of the New River Inlet in North Topsail Beach. Our business depends heavily on the current from the inlet and the North to South migration of certain species, to bring fish within casting distance of our pier and to provide our customers with a good days catch, this being even more true in the fall of the year. I wish to briefly provide you with the problems we are facing on a daily basis that are making it a struggle to stay in business.

I only have a 750 foot area to either side of the pier that people are not allowed to set nets. The netters will then stagger their nets the 3.5 miles to the inlet all the way to the buffer zone sometimes coming very close to overlapping it. This practice pretty much blocks my whole pier from receiving any fish from the north where the majority come from. The nets do not discriminate they block all fish and marine species from coming north to south down our beach. This is not only detrimental to me but also the hundreds of surf fisherman who fish off the beaches. The netters only keep the target species with the rest being cast-off as "by-catch." The "by-catch" dies a large percentage of the time and then floats by the pier. The species that they release range from red-drum to flounder and are just wasted for no reason. This is not a sustainable use of our states natural resources. More and more fish are being caught on my pier bearing the scars of netting. These fish stand virtually no chance because as you well know once their skin is broken they are susceptible to bacteria and diseases.

I run a family pier that does not allow alcohol consumption. We are one of the few places left that provides a day of fun for an affordable price. My pier has enabled many a family to enjoy time

together and provided many memories, whether it be a child's first fish or an experienced anglers first citation fish. This is what makes me love my job so much! My pier serves over 15,000 recreational fishermen and women, from all walks of life, in the fall of the year. Many of these patrons have no other access to ocean fishing. These people from allover the state and country should deserve a chance to share in our natural resources also. Too many people are walking away from my pier disappointed this fall, and have really ruined my business.

In closing I cannot continue to operate my business with the current regulations, I cannot legally compete with the netters. I am asking you to require the netters to set their nets as far away as possible, preferably a mile, to help me stay in business. It is my understanding that other piers on Topsail Island have farther boundaries than I do and I would also like to extend mine. I ask you PLEASE do not let the Seaview Pier vanish like other piers that have made our beautiful coast so unique along the east coast. I welcome any feedback you can give me by writing or directly calling me. The needed information to contact me follows:

Seaview Fishing Pier and Restaurant

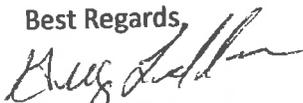
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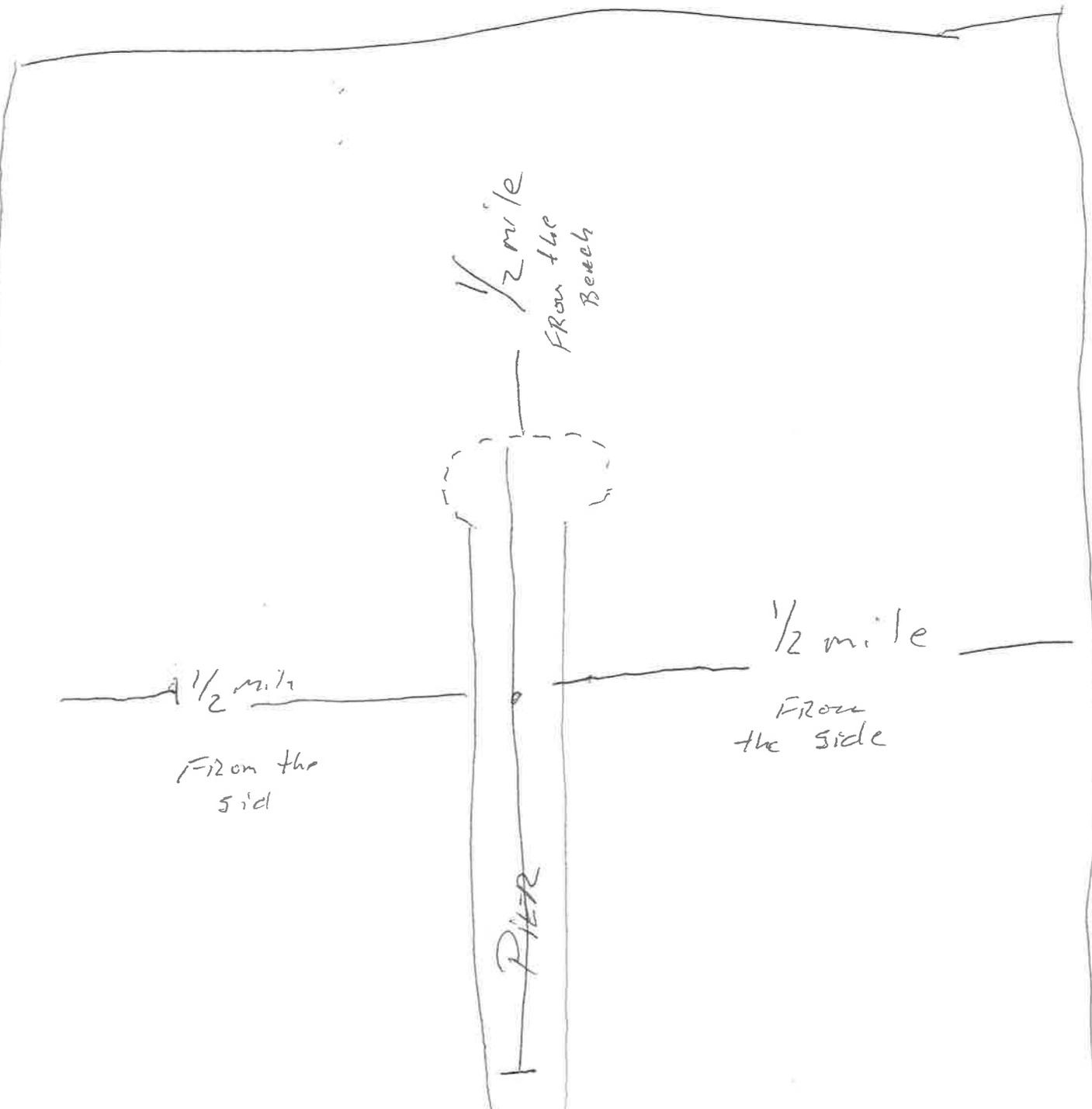
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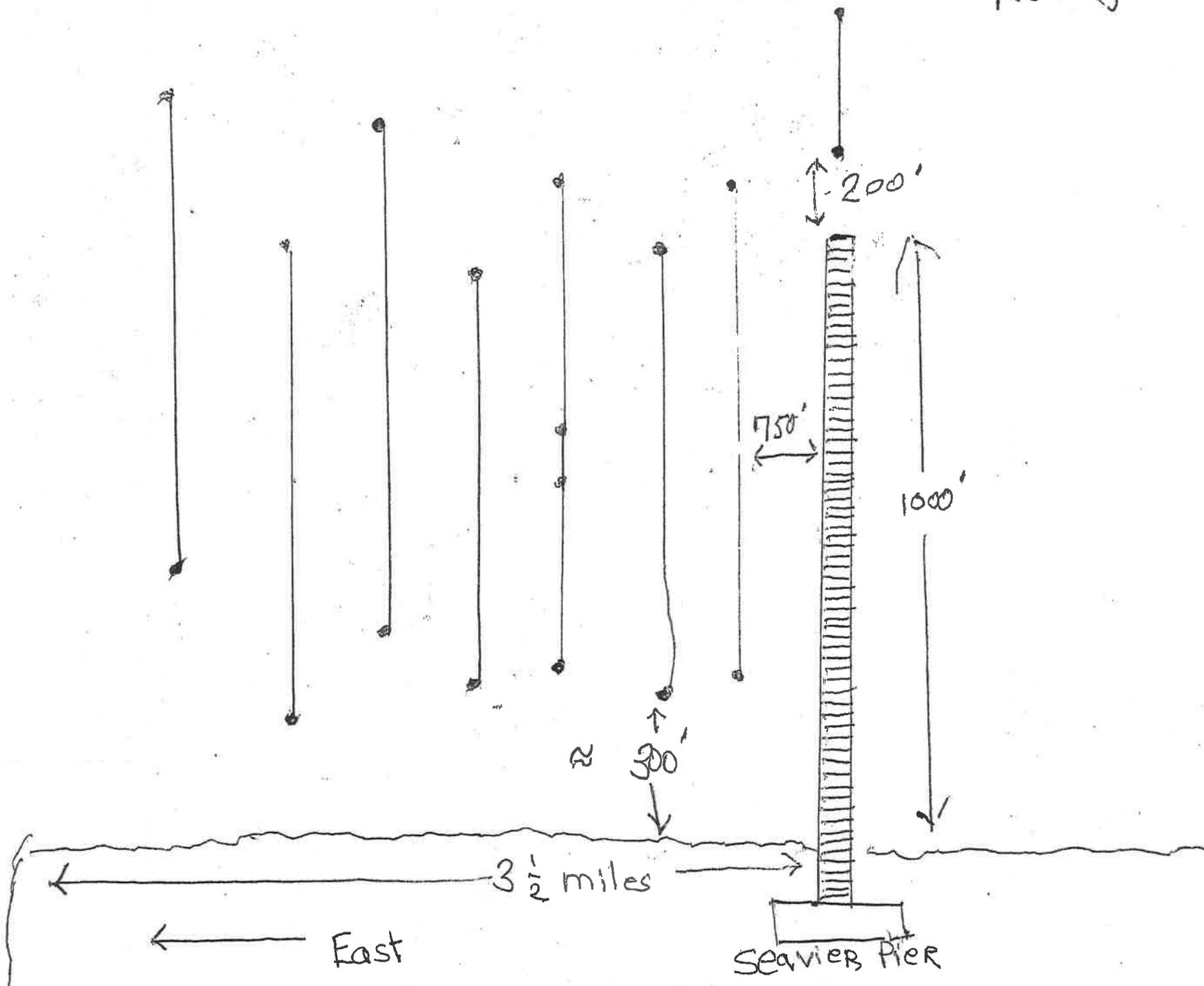
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AREA AT
one time



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River
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East

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750'

200'

300'



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Dec. 11, 2012

Mr. Greg Ludlum
Seaview Fishing Pier
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Dear Mr. Ludlum,

Thank you for your letter regarding your desire to have the Marine Fisheries Commission expand the 750-foot commercial fishing gear buffer around the Seaview Fishing Pier in North Topsail Beach to a one-half mile buffer in any direction in order to provide your patrons with more fishing opportunities. This requested action requires a rule change; therefore, you will need to submit a petition to the Marine Fisheries Commission for rulemaking following the process outlined in the Commission's rules for Petitions for Rulemaking, 15A NCAC 3P .0301 - .0304. These rules are available on the Division of Marine Fisheries web page, <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/rules-and-regulations>, and are summarized below.

Any person wishing to request the adoption, amendment or repeal of a rule of the Marine Fisheries Commission shall make the request in writing to:

**Chairman of the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission
P.O. Box 769
3441 Arendell Street
Morehead City, NC 28557**

Items that must be included in the petition:

- 1. Text of the proposed rule(s);**
- 2. Statutory authority for the agency to promulgate the rule(s);**
- 3. Reasons a proposed rule(s) needs to be adopted or an existing rule(s) needs to be changed;**
- 4. Effect on existing rules;**
- 5. Copies of any documents and data supporting the proposed rule(s) or rule(s) change;**
- 6. Statement of the effect of the proposed rule(s) on existing practices in the area involved, including an estimate of cost factors for persons affected by the proposed rule(s);**
- 7. Description of those most likely to be affected by the proposed rule(s); and**
- 8. Your name and address.**

When petitions and supporting documents and data exceed 10 pages in length, 15 copies of the entire petition and any attachments shall be submitted.

If a petition does not contain the required information it will be returned to the petitioner.

If the petition is deemed complete by the commission chairman it will be presented to the commission for its consideration and determination at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the commission.

Within 120 days following the submission of the petition requesting rulemaking the commission shall:

- 1. Initiate rulemaking proceedings and notify the petitioner in writing; or**
- 2. Deny the petition, stating the reason or reasons for the denial and send the written denial to the petitioner.**

If there are questions about this process, please contact the Marine Fisheries Commission Office at 252-808-8021 or 800-682-2632.

Sincerely,

Nancy D. Fish
Marine Fisheries Commission Liaison
N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries



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Jan. 17, 2013

Mr. Gregory Meadows
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Dear Mr. Meadows:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for agreeing to serve on the Marine Fisheries Commission's Sea Turtle Advisory Committee. The commission is committed to protecting endangered and threatened sea turtles, while continuing our traditional fisheries. The Sea Turtle Advisory Committee plays an important role in advising both the commission and the Division of Marine Fisheries on important protected species and fisheries-related issues.

Because the role of this advisory committee is so important, attendance at committee meetings is crucial - advisory committee members are required to attend at least 75 percent of meetings annually. Records indicate you have not attended any of the committee meetings held in 2012. Due to your lack of attendance, I am unfortunately forced to replace you on this committee.

Again, thank you for your service. If you have any questions regarding the commission's advisory committee process, please contact Nancy Fish at 252-808-8021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Robert Bizzell".

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

cc: Sea Turtle Advisory Committee



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February 11, 2012

Secretary John E. Skvarla, III
N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources
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Dear Secretary Skvarla:

Enclosed for your signature is a letter to Governor McCrory endorsing the nomination of a slate of qualified candidates for consideration by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for an obligatory appointment to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC). The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act specifies that state governors must submit a slate of not less than three qualified individuals for each applicable council vacancy. Council appointments will be effective August 2013. Mr. Tom Burgess currently serves as a North Carolina obligatory appointee to the SAFMC and does not wish to be reappointed. State governors must submit nominations for council appointments to the National Marine Fisheries Service no later than March 15, 2013.

The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission compiled a slate of nominees for an obligatory appointment to the SAFMC in accordance with N.C. General Statute 113-259. The commission submits the names of Mr. Jack Cox, Mr. Kenneth Fex, and Mr. Andrew High for your review and Governor McCrory's consideration as nominees for a N.C. obligatory appointment to the SAFMC. All of the nominees are North Carolina residents, and by reason of their occupational or other experience, scientific expertise or training, are knowledgeable regarding the conservation and management or the commercial or recreational harvest of North Carolina's fisheries resources. The commission chose to submit the name of Mr. Kenneth Fex as a preferred candidate for Governor McCrory's consideration.

The enclosed letter from Governor McCrory to Mr. Sam Rausch, NOAA Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, addresses the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act concerning the nominees' residency, knowledge of fisheries of the council's geographical area, and persons that were consulted in the recreational and commercial communities regarding the nominations. The Division of Marine Fisheries has reviewed the nomination materials

Secretary Skvarla
February 11, 2013

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submitted by the candidates to ensure all forms are complete and all required information is provided. It is requested the enclosed nomination materials be forwarded to Mr. Charles Duckett in the governor's office as soon as possible. The governor's letter and the enclosed nomination materials must be received by the National Marine Fisheries Service no later than March 15, 2013.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the nomination process for an obligatory appointment to the SAFMC. Should you have questions or need additional information concerning the nominees or the nomination process, please feel free to contact me or Dr. Michelle Duval, Executive Assistant for Councils, Division of Marine Fisheries, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557, phone (252) 808-8011.

Sincerely,



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

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Enclosure

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**BYLAWS OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA N.C. MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION**

ARTICLE I

Authority

These procedures are adopted pursuant to the authority contained in ~~North Carolina General Statute~~ N.C.G.S. 143B-289.54.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the ~~Commission~~ commission shall be to fulfill the duties prescribed for it in the ~~North Carolina~~ N.C. General Statutes, particularly N.C.G.S. 113-127, et. seq. (Including Articles 12 through 20, 23A, 23B and 23C), and N.C.G.S. 143B-279.8 and N.C.G.S. 143B-289.50 et. seq.

ARTICLE III

Membership

The membership of the ~~Commission~~ commission shall be as prescribed in ~~North Carolina General Statute~~ N.C.G.S. 143B-289.54; each member, however, regardless of the category of interest in which appointed, shall undertake to represent all interests fully, fairly and without prejudice.

ARTICLE IV

Officers and Staff

Section 1.

Officers of the ~~Commission~~ commission shall be a ~~Chairman~~ chairman and a ~~Vice Chairman~~ vice chairman.

(a) The ~~Chairman~~ chairman shall be designated by the ~~Governor~~ governor of North Carolina from among the members pursuant to ~~North Carolina General Statute~~ N.C.G.S. 143B-298.55 and shall serve at the pleasure of the ~~Governor~~ governor. Duties of the ~~Chairman~~ chairman shall be to guide and coordinate the activities of the ~~Commission~~ commission; preside over meetings of the ~~Commission~~ commission; report and advise the ~~Governor~~ governor and ~~Secretary~~ secretary on activities of the ~~Commission~~ commission on marine and estuarine conservation matters; to make appointments and designations as set out in these procedures and in the General Statutes; to participate in and vote if desired on business of the ~~Commission~~ commission; to rule, consistent with these procedures, on matters of procedure; to function as a member of all other committees; and to perform such other duties as are appropriate to the chairmanship.

(b) The ~~Vice Chairman~~ vice chairman shall be selected by majority vote of the members of the ~~Commission~~ commission from among its membership at its closest scheduled meeting ~~near~~ after July 1. The ~~Vice Chairman~~ vice chairman shall serve a one year term beginning July 1 and ending June 30 the following year and may serve any number of consecutive terms. Duties of the ~~Vice Chairman~~ vice chairman shall be to function in place of the ~~Chairman~~ chairman in the event of his absence or incapacity; and to perform such other duties as are appropriate to the ~~Vice Chairmanship~~ vice-chairmanship or to membership on the ~~Commission~~ commission.

Section 2.

The Staff staff of the ~~Commission~~ commission shall be supplied by the ~~Fisheries Director~~ director of the Division of Marine Fisheries and Department of Environment and Natural Resources as provided by ~~North Carolina General Statute~~ N.C.G.S. 143B-289.54 (k). The main staff to assist the ~~Commission~~ commission shall be an ~~Executive Assistant~~ a commission liaison and an ~~Office Assistant~~ office assistant.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Section 1.

The ~~Commission~~ commission shall meet at least once in each quarter, at such time and place as it may determine, except that at least three of the four quarterly meetings shall be held in one of the coastal regions as defined in ~~North Carolina General Statute~~ N.C.G.S. 143B-289.54, as provided by N.C.G.S. 143B-289.56.

Section 2.

The ~~Commission~~ commission may hold additional meetings at anytime and place within the ~~State~~ state upon call of the ~~Chairman~~ chairman, or upon the written request of at least four members, provided timely notice in advance of all additional meetings shall be given to each member and to the public as provided by N.C.G.S. 143-318.12. Emergency meetings of the ~~Commission~~ commission may be called by the ~~Chairman~~ chairman. In response to the request of at least five members of the ~~Commission~~ commission to review proclamation decisions pursuant to N.C.G.S. 113-221 (e) (1), the ~~Chairman~~ chairman may call an emergency meeting. In addition, work sessions may be scheduled by the ~~Commission Chairman~~ commission chairman, as needed.

Section 3.

Six members of the ~~Commission~~ commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A quorum of the ~~Commission~~ commission may transact business only if one member, other than the ~~Chair~~ chair, appointed pursuant to subdivision (1), (2), or (3) of N.C.G.S. 143B-289.54(a) and one member, other than the ~~Chair~~ chair, appointed pursuant to subdivision (4), (5), or (6) of N.C.G.S. 143B-289.54(a) are present.

If the ~~Commission~~ commission is unable to transact business because the membership requirements of this section are not met, the ~~Chair~~ chair shall call another meeting of the ~~Commission~~ commission within 30 days and shall place on the agenda for that meeting every matter with respect to which the ~~Commission~~ commission was unable to transact business. Five members of the ~~Commission~~ commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting called under this procedure and the membership requirements for a six member quorum shall not apply to such a meeting.

In accordance with N.C.G.S. 143B-289.52 a supermajority of the commission shall be six members. A supermajority shall be necessary to override recommendations from the Division of Marine Fisheries regarding measures needed to end overfishing or to rebuild overfished stocks.

Section 4.

Meetings of the ~~Commission~~ commission shall be open to the public but the ~~Commission~~ commission may hold executive session where allowed by ~~North Carolina General Statute~~ N.C.G.S. 143-318.11.

Section 5.

Meetings of the ~~Commission~~ commission may be held through phone conference provided timely notice shall be given to each member and the public as provided by N.C.G.S. 143-318.12 and 143-318.13.

ARTICLE VI

Record

Section 1.

Minutes and other records of all meetings and hearings of the ~~Commission~~ commission shall be kept by its staff, under direction of the ~~Fisheries Director~~ director of the Division of Marine Fisheries, and such minutes and records shall be supplemented, where possible, by electronic recording. Summary minutes will be provided to the ~~Commission~~ commission, except that minutes will reflect exact wording on motions. The full minutes will be provided upon request.

Section 2.

Minutes of all meetings and hearings, and other records of the ~~Commission~~ commission, shall be collected under direction of the ~~Fisheries Director~~ director of the Division of Marine Fisheries, and maintained in accordance with the Division of Marine Fisheries' records retention policy for five years, after which time they may be filed with the ~~North Carolina Division of Archives and History~~.

Section 3.

An Administrative Procedures Act Coordinator designated by the ~~Fisheries Director~~ director of the Division of Marine Fisheries shall be responsible for filing all rules of the ~~Commission~~

commission in the form and manner prescribed by applicable North Carolina N.C. Statutes.

ARTICLE VII

Standard Order of Business

Section 1.

The ~~Commission~~ commission adopts the following as its ~~Standard Order of Business~~ standard order of business provided that the order of business may be altered by the ~~Chairman~~ chairman in his discretion or upon affirmative action of a majority of the ~~Commission~~ commission.

1. Preliminary Matters
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Conflict of Interest Reminder
 - d. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
 - e. Opening ~~remarks~~ Remarks, ceremonies Ceremonies
2. Public ~~comments~~ Comments
3. Chairman's Report
- ~~4. Fisheries Director's Report~~
4. Committee Reports
- ~~5. Old/New Business~~
5. Action Items
6. Information ~~items~~ Items and Reports
7. Director's Report
8. Concluding ~~remarks~~ Remarks
 - a. Members
 - b. Chairman
9. Adjournment

Section 2.

Except as provided for in this or other sections of the bylaws, the ~~Commission~~ commission shall take no actions on rule making issues that have not been acted on by the appropriate committee at a scheduled meeting of the committee which was held prior to a previous ~~Commission~~ commission meeting. Exceptions to this ~~Section~~ section include the adoption of emergency or temporary rules and the adoption of revised rules to resolve objections to rules by the Rules Review

Commission or its staff. The ~~Commission~~ commission may suspend this bylaw by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

ARTICLE VIII

Notice Requirements

Section 1.

In accordance with North Carolina General Statute N.C.G.S. Chapters 143, 143B and 150B, the ~~Secretary~~ secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, or his designee, shall be responsible for timely issuance of any applicable notice to those parties upon whom the right of legal notice of ~~Commission~~ commission hearings, meetings, decisions, and official actions is conferred.

Section 2.

The ~~Commission~~ commission may adopt special notice procedures as it deems necessary, subject to the requirements of the General Statutes.

ARTICLE IX

Committees

Section 1.

The ~~Chairman~~ chairman shall appoint such committees as he or the ~~Commission~~ commission shall from time to time deem necessary. The ~~Chairman~~ chairman shall designate the chairman or co-chairmen of each committee from among its members and shall be an ex-officio member of each committee. As an ex-officio member, the ~~Chairman~~ chairman has the same rights, powers and duties as other committee members. A majority of the duly appointed members of each committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2.

The Marine Fisheries Commission shall adopt internal procedures necessary to the discharge of ~~Committee~~ committee business; provided, no procedures so adopted shall be inconsistent with these procedures or any other rules adopted by the ~~Commission~~ commission or with any applicable statutes. ~~Committee Chairmen, their designee or the Commission Executive Assistant shall report the committee recommendations to the full Commission.~~

Section 3.

The following committees of the ~~Commission~~ commission are established pursuant to N.C. G.S. 143B-289.57; however, as provided in Section 1 of this Article, the ~~Chairman~~ chairman or the ~~Commission~~ commission may deem it necessary to establish additional committees:

Standing Committees

Finfish Advisory Committee

~~Crustacean Committee~~

Shellfish/Crustacean Advisory Committee
Habitat and Water Quality Advisory Committee

Regional Committees

~~Northeast Coastal Committee~~ Northern Advisory Committee
~~Central Coastal Committee~~
~~Southeast Coastal Committee~~ Southern Advisory Committee
~~Inland Committee~~

Each standing committee shall consist of no more than 11 members as prescribed in N.C. G.S. 143B-289.57 and shall be comprised of commercial and recreational fishermen, scientists, and other persons who have expertise in the matters to be considered by the advisory committee to which they are appointed. Each regional committee shall consist of no more than 11 members as prescribed in N.C.G.S. 143B-289.57 and shall include commercial and recreational fishermen. Members shall serve staggered three year terms as determined by the ~~Commission~~ commission.

Section 4.

Each standing advisory committee shall review and make findings and recommendations on all matters referred to the committee by the ~~Commission~~ commission. Each standing advisory committee may, on its own motion, make findings and recommendations as to any matter related to its subject area. The ~~Commission~~ commission shall consider all findings and recommendations submitted by standing advisory committees.

Section 5.

The ~~Chairman~~ chairman of the ~~Commission~~ commission shall appoint ~~Advisory Committee Members~~ advisory committee members for each of the ~~Standing~~ standing and ~~Regional Committees~~ regional committees of the ~~Commission~~ commission and designate a chairman or co-chairmen for each committee from among its membership. ~~Advisory Committee~~ committee members shall have full voting authority for matters discussed and brought to a vote during ~~Committee~~ committee meetings. Attendance requirements for ~~Advisory Committee~~ advisory committee members are outlined in Article ~~XI~~ XII. The ~~Chairman~~ chairman of the ~~Commission~~ commission may appoint ~~Commission~~ commission members as ex-officio members of standing and regional advisory committees to serve as liaisons between the ~~Commission~~ commission and the ~~Committee~~ committee. Ex-officio members of advisory committees have the same rights, powers, and duties as other committee members.

Section 6.

The ~~Chairman~~ chairman of the ~~Commission~~ commission shall appoint an ~~Advisory Committee~~ advisory committee to assist in the development of each ~~Fishery Management Plan~~ fishery management plan. The ~~Committee~~ committee shall be composed of commercial and recreational fishermen and scientists with expertise in the fishery for which the ~~Fishery Management Plan~~ fishery management plan is being developed. In addition to advising the ~~Department~~ department in the development of the fishery management plan, the ~~Committee~~ committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate standing committee. The ~~Chairman~~ chairman of the ~~Commission~~ commission may appoint ~~Commission~~ commission members as ex-officio members of fishery management plan advisory ~~Committees~~ committees. Ex-officio members

of advisory committees have the same rights, powers, and duties as other committee members.

Section 7.

No person who has a history of significant noncompliance with state or federal laws, regulations, or rules for the protection of marine and estuarine resources in any state or jurisdiction shall be eligible for appointment to a commission committee.

Individuals appointed by the ~~Chairman~~ chairman to an advisory committee who are charged with significant violation(s) of the state or federal laws, regulations, or rules for the protection of marine and estuarine resources in any state or jurisdiction, may be suspended by the ~~Chairman~~ chairman from membership until final disposition of the violations charged. During a suspension, the adviser shall not deliberate, vote, or participate as a member of the respective committee. If the charged violations are not sustained or the individual is found not guilty, the suspension will be lifted and the advisory committee membership will be reinstated. If the charge is sustained or if the individual is found guilty, the committee member shall be removed by the chairman from the committee.

ARTICLE X

Parliamentary Procedures

Section 1.

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the ~~Commission~~ commission in all meetings, where applicable and not inconsistent with these procedures and any special rules or order the ~~Commission~~ commission may adopt, or with any statutes applicable to the ~~Commission~~ commission.

Section 2.

The ~~Chairman~~ chairman may appoint a member of the ~~Commission~~ commission to serve as parliamentarian. If so appointed, his duty shall be to interpret the intent of these procedures or, where these procedures do not provide the necessary guidance, to interpret the procedures set out in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order as guidance to the conduct of meetings of the ~~Commission~~ commission.

Section 3.

The ~~Chairman~~ chairman or ~~Co-chairman~~ co-chairman of any committee may or may not vote on any issue before the body over which that person is presiding. If a tie vote occurs, the motion fails.

ARTICLE ~~XII~~ XI

Resolutions

All resolutions prepared by the ~~Committees~~ committees of the Marine Fisheries Commission must be reviewed and signed by the ~~Chairman~~ chairman of the ~~Committee~~ committee that originated such resolutions before submission to the ~~Marine Fisheries Commission~~ commission. In no event

shall ~~Committee~~ committee resolutions be forwarded without review and signature by the committee Chairman chairman. Any resolutions prepared by the ~~Commission~~ commission as a whole shall be reviewed and signed by the ~~Commission~~ commission Chairman chairman.

ARTICLE XII

Attendance

Regular attendance at meetings and public hearings of the ~~Commission~~ commission is a duty of each member. Individual members may attend meetings of the ~~Commission~~ commission through phone conference. Commission members recognize that, pursuant to ~~North Carolina General Statute~~ N.C.G.S. 143B-13 (b) (iv), their membership becomes vacant by their ceasing to discharge the duties of their office over a period of three consecutive months, except when prevented by illness. Excused absences must be approved by the ~~Chairman~~ chairman and shall be reflected in the minutes. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 34, issued by Gov. Bev Perdue on Dec. 9, 2009, commissioners are required to attend at least 75 percent of the commission's regularly scheduled meetings on an annual basis. Failure to meet this standard constitutes grounds for removal from the commission. The commission's liaison is required to provide an annual report of commission members' attendance to the governor's Boards and Commissions Office.

Attendance at ~~Advisory Committee~~ advisory committee meetings is a duty of each member of the ~~Commission~~ commission and public appointed to such committees. The ~~Chairman~~ chairman of the ~~Commission~~ commission, as an ex-officio member of all ~~Committees~~ committees, is not subject to the attendance requirement for members appointed to committees as ex-officio members. ~~Any public member who has two consecutive unexcused committee meetings will automatically tender his/her resignation. Reinstatement may occur upon written request to the Chairman. Committee members are required to attend at least 75 percent of the committee's regularly scheduled meetings on an annual basis. Failure to meet this standard constitutes grounds for removal from the committee by the commission chairman.~~ Excused absences must be approved by the ~~Committee Chairman~~ committee's staff lead and shall be reflected in the minutes. The staff lead is required to provide an annual report of committee members' attendance to the Marine Fisheries Commission Office.

ARTICLE XIII ~~XIII~~

Ethics and Conflict of Interest

Section 1.

The commission is subject to the State Government Ethics Act, N.C.G.S. 138A-1, et. Seq., establishing the State Ethics Commission, as amended and as it may later be amended. The Marine Fisheries Commission adopts by reference Executive Order No. 127 as issued by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. on January 16, 1998, establishing the North Carolina Board of Ethics, as amended and as it may later be amended by the Governor. The members of the Commission commission, regardless of appointing authority, are bound by the standards enunciated in the State Government Ethics Act and the interpretations of the standards as developed through promulgations and advisory opinions decisions of the ~~Board of State Ethics~~ Commission. In addition, ~~Commission~~ commission members shall abide by ethical standards, set forth in N.C.G.S. 143B-289.54 (g). To the extent that these two

sets of standards conflict, the ethical standards in N.C.G.S. 143B-289.54 (g) shall control.

Section 2.

Members of the Marine Fisheries Commission shall not vote or otherwise participate in any matter when the participation will violate N.C.G.S. 143B-289.54 (g) (2) which states: “Voting/conflict of interest - A member of the 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 of 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.”

Section 3.

Members of the Marine Fisheries Commission must police themselves against actual and potential conflicts in the discharge of their statutory duties. Members may disclose a potential conflict of interest in front of ~~Commission~~ commission members. In circumstances involving actual conflict of interest, the member must immediately discontinue any involvement in the matter including discussions of it with other members of the ~~Commission~~ commission or staff to the ~~Commission~~ commission. Members who disqualify themselves for actual conflict of interest must file a statement with the ~~Chairman~~ chairman of the ~~Commission~~ commission or announce their decision in the next meeting of the ~~Commission~~ commission. Members of the ~~Commission~~ commission may appear to defend themselves if regulatory actions are initiated against them by the ~~Department~~ department or the ~~Commission~~ commission.

Section 4.

Unless a member of the Marine Fisheries Commission with a potential conflict of interest places it in the public record, the member must withdraw from participation in the matter. When a member withdraws from a matter due to a potential conflict of interest, no further explanation is required. Should the potential conflict of interest be disclosed in a written document, it must be read into the minutes of the ~~Commission~~ commission before deliberation or discussion of the matter begins. A member with a potential conflict of interest who decides to participate in the pending matter must disclose, in the ~~Commission~~ commission meeting when the matter is called as an agenda item, the nature of the potential conflict of interest and the reason it does not cause them to withdraw from further participation in the matter.

ARTICLE XIV

Gift Ban

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 34, issued by Gov. Bev Perdue on Dec. 9, 2009, commissioners are

prohibited from accepting gifts from any contractors of the appointee's board. But allows for exception for gifts that would otherwise be allowed under the State Ethics Act, regardless of whether the appointee is covered by the Ethics Act. Commissioners should seek assistance from the commission's ethics commission liaison if they have concerns about accepting any gift.

ARTICLE ~~XV~~ XV

Removal for Indictment or Failure to Cooperate

Executive Order No. 34, issued by Gov. Bev Perdue on Dec. 9, 2009, provides that indictment for a felony or failure to cooperate in a state or federal investigation constitutes grounds for removal of an appointee from a board or commission.

ARTICLE ~~XII~~ XVI

Ethics Education

Pursuant to N.C.G.S.138A-14 every public servant and ethics liaison is required to complete an ethics and lobbying education presentation within six months of the person's appointment or employment and complete a refresher presentation at least every two years thereafter.

The willful failure of a public servant serving on a board or commission to comply with the education requirements may subject the person to removal from the board or commission. ~~The willful failure of a public servant who is a state employee to comply with the education requirement may be considered a violation of a written work order permitting disciplinary action.~~

ARTICLE ~~XIV~~ XVII

Exercise of Authority

Section 1.

Rules, standards, authorizations, licenses, prohibitions, prescriptions or restrictions proposed for adoption, establishment, modification, amendment, deletion or repeal, pursuant to N.C. G.S. 143B-289.52, shall be acted upon by the ~~Commission~~ commission in conformity with the provisions of applicable statutes, particularly N.C.G.S. Chapter 150B.

Section 2.

Hearings conducted by the ~~Commission~~ commission on the adoption, amendment or repeal of a rule, or on other proposed exercise of the ~~Commission's~~ commission's authority, shall be before the ~~Commission~~ commission, a panel of ~~Commissioners~~ commissioners, a single ~~Commissioner~~ commissioner or qualified employee or employees of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, as designated by the ~~Chairman~~ chairman, and the ~~Chairman~~ chairman shall designate who shall preside. Those designated by the ~~Chairman~~ chairman to preside over hearings, or the ~~Chairman~~ chairman, as the case may be, shall determine how much time is allocated for each individual's comments based on the complexity of the matter being considered, the public interest in the matter and the necessity for fair and impartial hearing.

Section 3.

In determining who shall be qualified to hear matters on behalf of the ~~Commission~~ commission at a public hearing, the ~~Chairman~~ chairman shall consider the geographic location of the hearing, the complexity of the matter being considered, the public interest in the matter and the necessity for fair and impartial hearing.

Section 4.

Those designated to hear any matter for the ~~Commission~~ commission shall report their recommendations, together with the evidence and record of the hearing, to the full ~~Commission~~ commission for decision and action, and may move adoption thereof. No further or additional evidence or information should be received by the commission, the hearing being closed, except as allowed by Section 8 of this Article.

Section 5.

With respect to any individual contested case pending before the ~~Commission~~ commission, all members of the ~~Commission~~ commission and hearing officers shall refrain from directly or indirectly communicating outside of formal hearing procedures with any person, party or their representative regarding issues of fact or law pertaining to the pending matter unless all parties are provided notice of the communication and given an opportunity to participate therein. This section shall not be deemed to limit discussion of such pending matters among ~~Commission~~ commission members.

Section 6.

Contested case hearings, or administrative hearings, conducted pursuant to N.C.G.S. 113-171(f) are governed by Article 3 of Chapter 150B of the N.C. General Statutes, and require ~~Final Decision~~ a final decision by the Commission. It is each member's responsibility to review and become familiar with the hearing record and proposals for a decision prior to the meeting at which the decision is to be made. ~~Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 150B-36, a decision shall not be made except upon consideration of the record as a whole or such portion as may be cited by any party to the proceeding and shall be supported by substantial evidence.~~ Parties to the proceeding, but not the general public, will be given the opportunity to address the ~~Commission~~ commission, after the recommendation of the staff hearing officer or panel is received. Oral presentations are limited to issues of record, and shall not exceed 15 minutes in length, unless the ~~Chairman~~ chairman rules otherwise. After all presentations, discussion and voting shall proceed. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318, executive sessions may be called for discussion of legal questions.

Section 7.

Remission hearings are allowed by the Committee on Civil Penalty Remissions in situations in which ~~all the parties~~ party assessed to a civil penalty ~~assessment~~ by the department ~~have~~ agreed that an evidentiary hearing is unnecessary, that all facts alleged by the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources are stipulated, and that the only issue for resolution is the reasonableness of the penalty imposed. The amount of the penalty will be determined in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143B-289.53 and the internal operating procedures of the Marine Fisheries Commission. The

recommendation by the ~~Secretary~~ secretary or his designee on the remission request shall be the final agency decision unless it is modified by the Committee on Civil Penalty Remissions through a motion and vote of a majority of the ~~Committee~~ committee in attendance. The ~~Committee~~ committee may order the full penalty, accept the recommendation of the ~~Secretary~~ secretary or his designee or reduce the penalty in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143B-289.53. Upon submission of a written request, parties to the proceeding, but not the general public, will be given the opportunity to address the ~~Committee~~ committee, after the recommendation of the staff is received. Oral presentations are limited to issues of record and should not exceed 10 minutes unless the ~~Chairman~~ chairman rules otherwise. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318, executive sessions may be called for discussion of legal questions.

Section 8.

The ~~Commission~~ commission at its regularly scheduled meetings, or at meetings called by the ~~Chairman~~ chairman, will frequently hear reports and recommendations for the adoption of rules which have been subjected to public notice, comment period and hearings. The ~~Commission~~ commission will refrain from allowing additional public comment at the meeting, since the matter is not then in public hearing; but the ~~Commission~~ commission may allow limited public discussion if the circumstances warrant.

Section 9.

The ~~Commission~~ commission, in granting proclamation authority to the ~~Fisheries Director~~ director of the Division of Marine Fisheries under N.C.G.S. 113-221 (e), shall include the variable conditions supporting the delegation of such authority.

ARTICLE ~~XV~~ XVIII

Suspension of Bylaws

The ~~Commission~~ commission may suspend the operation of any provision of the bylaws which establishes a procedural requirement for the conduct of the ~~Commission's~~ commission's business by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds majority of those present and voting for the duration of the meeting at which the vote is taken or for a shorter interval. Suspension of a bylaw procedural requirement does not excuse the ~~Commission~~ commission from complying with statutory procedural requirements applicable to the conduct of ~~Commission~~ commission business.

ARTICLE XIX

Amendments

These procedures may be amended at any regular or additional meeting of the ~~Commission~~ commission by a two-thirds vote of the members present, a quorum being required, provided that a written copy of the proposed amendment must have been mailed to each ~~Commission~~ commission member at least ~~ten~~ 10 days prior to the meeting or otherwise have been made available to each member at least five days prior to the meeting.

This procedure adopted by the
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| amended effective November 16, 2000,
| amended effective Feb. 28, 2013.

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

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THE MEETING.

2013 Marine Fisheries Commission and Advisory Committee Meetings*

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 Craven Co-op = Craven County Cooperative Extension, 300 Industrial Dr., New Bern
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