Motions from Feb. 27-28 Marine Fisheries Commission Business Meeting

The February 2013 meeting agenda was approved by consensus.

Motion to approve the November 2012 meeting minutes.
Motion made by Joe Shute and seconded by Kelly Darden. Motion carries without objection.

Motion to approve updated Marine Fisheries Commission bylaws.
Motion made by Chris Elkins and seconded by Joe Shute. Motion carries without objection.

Fishery Management Plans

Motion to approve the Oyster Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3 for rulemaking.
Motion made by Chris Elkins and seconded by Allyn Powell. Motion carries without objection.

Motion to approve Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 1 for final approval.
Motion made by Joe Shute and seconded by Kelly Darden. Motion carries without objection.

Motion to approve the Bay Scallop Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2 goal and objectives.
Motion made by Allyn Powell and seconded by Chris Elkins. Motion carries without objection.

Motion to approve River Herring Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2 goal and objectives.
Motion made by Allyn Powell and seconded by Chris Elkins. Motion carries without objection.

Sheepshead Management Options

Forward sheepshead management options to regional and finfish advisory committees for consideration by consensus.

N.C. Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan Amendment 1 and Rulemaking

Motion for final approval of the N.C. Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan Amendment 1 and permanent approval of the six implementing rules.
Motion made by Joe Shute and seconded by Allyn Powell. Motion carries without objection.

Motion to approve as a permanent rule 15A NCAC 03I .0114 (mandatory electronic trip ticket reporting for large-scale finfish dealers).
Motion made by Kelly Darden and seconded by Bradley Styron. Motion carries without objection.

Motion to approve as a permanent rule 15A NCAC 03l .0105 (increasing officer safety with volumetric measurement of shrimp) replacing 2 quarts for 1 gallon in the text of the rule.
Motion made by Joe Shute and seconded by Chris Elkins. Motion ruled out of order.

Motion to approve as a permanent rule 15A NCAC 03l .0105 (increasing officer safety with volumetric measurement of shrimp).
Motion made by Joe Shute and seconded by Chris Elkins. Motion carries without objection.

Forward issue of increasing recreational harvest limit of shrimp taken with a cast net in closed area to one gallon as previously cited in 15A NCAC 03l .0105 (2) to the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee for consideration. Motion made by Joe Shute and seconded by Allyn Powell. Motion carries without objection.

Rule Suspensions

Motion to suspend portions of 15A NCAC 03J .0103 (gill net yardage restrictions) and portions of 15A NCAC 03O .0501 (Atlantic Ocean Striped Bass Gear Permit). Motion made by Chris Elkins and seconded by Allyn Powell. Motion carries without objection.

Cape Carteret User Conflict Issue

Motion to direct the Division of Marine Fisheries director to issue proclamation to prohibit gill and seine nets in Deer Creek and Schoolhouse Creek (Rocky Run) in Carteret County under the following conditions:

- From 8:30 p.m. until sunrise from Oct 1-March 31,
- Reflectors to be attached every 50 yards on nets,
- Nets to be set down middle of the creek, and
- With a maximum of 200 yards of net to be attended and moved as necessary to allow reasonable navigation.

Motion made by Joe Shute and seconded by Bradley Styron. Motion carries 5-1.

Summer Flounder

Motion to suspend the seasonal allocation of summer flounder to the extent allowed by law. Motion made by Joe Shute and seconded by Kelly Darden. Motion carries without objection.