

WEEKLY UPDATE: 9/7/2015
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NCFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MONDAY SEPT. 14

The NC Fisheries Association Board of Directors will meet Monday, Sept. 14 at the Washington Civic Center located at 110 Gladden St., Washington, N.C. Meetings are open to all members.

[ASMFC 74TH ANNUAL MEETING PRELIMINARY AGENDA](#)

MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION SEA TURTLE COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Sea Turtle Advisory Committee to the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission will meet at 6 p.m. Sept. 17 at the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources Regional Office, 943 Washington Square Mall, Washington. The committee is scheduled to review information from the division's At-Sea Observer Program, including the number of large-mesh gill net fishing days in each management unit, and to give feedback on potential amendments to the state's Sea Turtle and Atlantic Sturgeon incidental take permits. For more information contact Chris Batsavage, Protected Resources Section chief, at 252-808-8009 or Chris.Batsavage@ncdenr.gov.

NMFS CUTS VERMILION SNAPPER COMMERCIAL DAILY TRIP LIMIT

The daily trip limit for the commercial harvest of vermilion snapper in the South Atlantic is reduced from 1,000 pounds gutted weight to 500 pounds gutted weight, effective 12:01 a.m. (local time) Sept. 10, 2015. NOAA Fisheries has determined 75 percent of the July-December quota of 438,260 pounds whole weight will be landed by Sept. 10, 2015. For more information see the [news release](#).

[PUBLIC INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR AMENDMENT 1 TO THE INTERSTATE FMP FOR TAUTOG](#)

REGULATION AND RULE CHANGES:

- South Atlantic [Vermilion Snapper Commercial Trip Limits Change](#) Effective Sept. 10
- South Atlantic [Gag and Wreckfish Catch Limits Change](#) Effective Sept. 11
- Atlantic Mackerel [Slippage Consequences Measures](#) Effective Sept. 11
- USCG Mandatory Dockside Inspections Required Effective Oct. 15

DEADLINES:

- Sept. 10* - NMFS [Updated Draft Acoustic Guidelines](#) Comments
- Sept. 14* - [NMFS Generic Amendment to Snapper-Grouper, Golden Crab and Dolphin-Wahoo FMPs](#) Comments
- Sept. 17* - 2016 Commercial [Atlantic Shark Season](#) Comments
- Sept. 21 at 5 p.m.* - [2016-2018 Atlantic Herring Research Set Aside](#) Applications
- Sept. 25* - MAFMC Cooperative Research Proposals

Sept. 28 at 5 p.m. - MFC Kingfish and Interjurisdiction FMP Update Comments

Oct. 2 - [MFC Proposed Rules Comments](#)

Oct. 2 - MAFMC [Unmanaged Forage Species Scoping](#) Comments

MEETINGS:

If you are aware of ANY meetings that should be of interest to commercial fishing that is not on this list, please contact us so we can include it here.

Sept. 9-10 - Atlantic Highly Migratory Species [Advisory Panel Meeting](#), Sheraton Silver Spring Hotel, 8777 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD and via webinar

Sept. 14 at 2 p.m. - NCFA Board of Directors Meeting, Washington Civic Center, 110 Gladden St., Washington

Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. - Oyster and Hard Clam Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee Meeting, DENR Regional Office, 943 Washington Square Mall, Washington

Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m. - MAFMC Scoping Hearing for Unmanaged Forage Species, DENR Regional Office, 943 Washington Square Mall, Washington

Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. - MFC Sea Turtle Advisory Committee Meeting, DENR Regional Office, 943 Washington Square Mall, Washington

PROCLAMATIONS:

[SNAPPER-GROUPER COMPLEX - COMMERCIAL PURPOSES \(GRAY TRIGGERFISH, VERMILION SNAPPER\)](#)