Finfish Advisory Committee
Virtual Meeting Via Webex
July 22, 2021
6 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Call to Order*
Vote on the Approval of the Agenda**
Vote on the Approval of the Minutes from June 16, 2021**

6:10 p.m. Small Mesh Gill Net Rules Modification Information Paper
Receive a presentation on Small Mesh Gill Net Rules Modification Information Paper

6:45 p.m. Public Comment
Receive public comment on Small Mesh Gill Net Rules Modification.

7:15 p.m. Vote on Recommendations to the Marine Fisheries Commission for
Small Mesh Gill Net Rules Modification **

8:25 p.m. Plan Agenda Items for Next Meeting

8:30 p.m. Adjourn

* Times indicated are merely for guidance. The committee 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). ***