

WEEKLY UPDATE: 2/13/2017
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MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION TO MEET IN WILMINGTON:

Hotel Wilmington Riverside; February 15 & 16, 2017

Big meeting in Wilmington! If you can attend both days, that's great!

If you want to comment, you need to be at the Wednesday session. The meeting begins at Noon, but the public comment session begins at 3:00pm. Chairman Corbett said they will take comments till about 8:00 or 8:30 that evening so there's a possibility that some may sign up to speak and not get the chance.

It's also important to have a good representation of commercial fishing families on Thursday for the MFC business meeting. It begins at 8:30am with the Petition for Rulemaking first on the agenda. **THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC COMMENT ON THURSDAY!**

The meeting that was held in January in New Bern was for the purpose of several advisory groups to the MFC to hear the presentation by the petitioners and listen to the many public comments. As a result of that, all five advisory groups voted overwhelmingly to recommend to the MFC to DENY the petition. Now we'll see if the MFC heeds their recommendations or ignores them. They are not bound by law to take their advice, as they are advisors after all, but to ignore the advice considering the 37 to 4 cumulative votes, it might get some legislators to wonder why the taxpayers should pay for such an expense as the New Bern meeting. That was 84% voting to recommend to DENY the petition!

If you have not commented on the petition and would like to do so, you should be at the meeting on Wednesday. However, if you have no intention of speaking, it would be good for you to plan on attending the Thursday session when they deliberate on the issue and vote. If you can attend both days, that's even better.

The agenda for the meeting can be found here:

[Marine Fisheries Commission agenda](#)

Complete briefing book:

[Complete MFC meeting briefing book](#)

ALL COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES, ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES AND LOVERS OF SHRIMP AND ALL SEAFOOD ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

CALENDAR

Feb 15-16, 2017; Marine Fisheries Commission; Hilton Riverside in Wilmington, NC

Feb 14-16, 2017; MAFMC Meeting; Kitty Hawk, NC

Feb. 15-16, 2017; NCMFC Meeting; Hilton Wilmington Riverside, Wilmington, NC