

BY-LAWS

BRUNSWICK COUNTY MARINE FISHERIES ADVISORY BOARD

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Brunswick County Marine Fisheries Advisory Board.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

- Section 1. Purpose: The purpose of this board shall be to serve in an advisory capacity to the Brunswick County Commissioners; explore possible projects and make recommendations to the County Commissions and work with other boards and committees of the County to address such concerns.
- Section 2. Objectives:
- A. To stay abreast and informed of the issues having a direct or indirect impact in our county as it relates to water-related issues. This includes concerns of both the tourist industry, commercial fishing and water recreational activities.
 - B. To avail ourselves to the public at large so that information can be gained and disseminated as needed.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

- Section 1. Number and Qualifications: The Advisory Board shall consist of a minimum of five (5) members and may include one County Commissioner assigned at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners shall make all appointments. The membership shall include persons from various water-related businesses or concerns and shall represent a wide geographic area of the county.
- Section 2. The Advisory Board shall serve at the pleasure of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners for a term of two (2) years. Terms shall be staggered with one (1) appointment by each of the Commissioners of Districts One, Two and Three the first year and one (1) appointment by each Commissioner of Districts Four and Five the second year, followed by recurring appointments in each odd-numbered year thereafter by the Commissioners in Districts One, Two, and Three, and recurring appointments by the Commissioners of Districts Four and Five in the even-numbered years thereafter, the numbering of the years herein is measured in the age of the Advisory Board, and not the calendar years.
- Section 3. Members shall be eligible for reappointment.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

- Section 1. Officers: The officers of the Advisory Board shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary selected by members of said Board. The County Manager's office and staff shall provide support and handle whatever correspondence or documents required if requested.
- Section 2. Duties:
- A. The Chairman shall call the meetings to order and preside at all meetings. He/she shall also be responsible for appointing committees as needed. The Chairman shall vote only when required to decide a tie vote.
 - B. The Vice-Chairman shall, in the absence of the Chairman, assume the duties of the Chairman and perform other duties delegated by the Chairman.
 - C. In the absence of both Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the members present shall appoint a member from the Board to conduct the meeting. Roberts Rules of Order shall control parliamentary questions to facilitate the progress of the meetings.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

- Section 1. Regular Meetings: There shall be quarterly meetings of this Advisory Board unless conflicts or situations occur to prevent such.
- Section 2. Special Meetings:
- A. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or at the request of a simple majority of the Board.
 - B. Members shall be notified of all regular, special or canceled meetings by the Secretary.
- Section 3. Quorums: A simple majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting.
- Section 4. Attendance: Members are requested to attend all meetings. However, if any member cannot be in attendance, he/she should contact the County Manager's office, Chairman or Vice-Chairman.
- Section 5. Open Meetings: All meetings of the Brunswick County Marine Fisheries Advisory Board shall be open to the public, in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

The Chairman is authorized to appoint such committees as are necessary to conduct the business of the Advisory Board. Such committees shall make progress reports at all regular meetings.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Advisory Board by a majority vote of the members present provided that a copy of the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing, at the previous meeting.

Adopted, this the 07th day of April, 1997.

Arden Moore
Arden Moore, Chairman
Marine Fisheries Advisory Board

ATTEST:

Melba W. Edwards
Melba W. Edwards, Secretary