

**WEEKLY UPDATE: 4/4/2016**  
**NORTH CAROLINA FISHERIES ASSOCIATION**  
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**CARTERET COUNTY FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION** is meeting on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Marshallberg. The group will be planning their annual Fish Fry scheduled for May, among some other things.

**ALBEMARLE FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION** is meeting on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at Leon Nixon's Catering in Edenton. For more info, call Terry Pratt: (252) 339-7431.

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**SKIMMER TRAWLS:**

**For those of you who use skimmer trawls, you should have received a mailing from us recently about proposed new rules.**

**PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ IT!**

If you use a skimmer trawl and did not receive an envelope from us, please call David ASAP! You need to be aware of the proposed regs and attend an upcoming meeting:

Morehead City, NC -- April 13, 2016, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., Crystal Coast Civic Center.

Scoping comments may also be submitted during a concurrent 45-day comment period. When they publish the draft EIS, it will also have a 45-day public comment period.

David Bush cell: (910) 777-1605.

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**DMF SEEKS COMMENT ON BLUE CRAB OPTIONS:**

Last week we listed the background material on this issue along with some of the options being considered. The Marine Fisheries Commission will consider these options at their next meeting, May 18-20 in Morehead City.

Because this issue is so important, we will send out this information in more detail as a separate message. Please print it out and circulate, to encourage fishermen to attend one of these meetings to learn more and to give their opinions on these measures. For more info contact Jason Rock at DMF: (252) 948-3874, or [jason.rock@ncdenr.gov](mailto:jason.rock@ncdenr.gov)

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**NEXT SUMMER FLOUNDER WINDOW & TRIP LIMITS:**

The next window for summer flounder and black sea bass opens on April 7<sup>th</sup> and closes on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The limits are 4,000 pounds of fluke and 1,500 pounds of black sea bass.

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## HOUSE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS FISHERIES REFORM ACT:

The House Select Committee on Wildlife Resources, chaired by Rep. John Bell, has scheduled their next meeting on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, in Raleigh. The meeting will be in Room 544 of the Legislative Office Building and the agenda will include a Fisheries Reform Act and marine fisheries overview.

Jerry will be there and encourages others to attend.

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## SOUTHERN FLOUNDER:

Thanks to those of you who have contributed to our Southern Flounder Fund. Those funds will be used exclusively for issues related to southern flounder, either legally or other avenues to address the situation.

If you have not yet contributed, please do so ASAP!

Send your donations to:

NCFA

2807 Neuse Blvd; Suite 11

New Bern, NC 28562

Please make your check out to NCFA/Southern Flounder Fund or to the NC Fisheries Association and be sure to put Southern Flounder Fund in the memo.

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## CALENDAR

Apr 6; 5:30pm; MFC Southern Advisory Cmte; DMF office; Morehead City

Apr 7; 5:30pm; MFC Northern Advisory Cmte; DEQ office; Washington

Apr 9; 6:30pm; Carteret County Fishermen's Association; Marshallberg

Apr 11; 6:00pm; Oyster/Hard Clam Advisors; DMF office; Morehead City

Apr 12-14; MAFMC meeting in Montauk, NY

Apr 13; 9:00am; Environmental Review Commission; 643 Legislative Ofc Bldg; Raleigh

Apr 13; 2:00-4:00pm; Skimmer Trawl meeting; Civic Center; Morehead City

Apr 13; 5:30pm; Finfish Advisors; DEQ office; Washington

Apr 14; 6:00pm; Shellfish/Crustacean Advisors; DMF office; Morehead City

Apr. 20; 2:00pm: House Select Cmte on Wildlife Resources; 544 LOB; Raleigh

Apr 25; North Carolina General Assembly convenes for the Short Session

May 2-5; ASMFC Spring Meeting; Westin; Alexandria, VA

May 18-20; MFC meeting; Civic Center; Morehead City

