

**WEEKLY UPDATE: 7/10/2015**  
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**WEEKLY UPDATE MOVES TO MONDAY**

Beginning July 20, the Weekly Update will be distributed on Mondays rather than Fridays.

**NCFA BOARD MEETING**

The NCFA Board of Directors will meet 2 p.m. Monday at the N.C. Estuarium, 223 E. Water St., Washington. These are open meetings, and we are always happy to have industry members attend.

**TRADEWINDS**

Members will receive the July/August issue of Tradewinds in the mail in early August. We have a large number of addresses being returned by the post office. If you aren't receiving your copy, please let [Lauren](#) know.

**NMFS ANNOUNCES STANDARDIZED BYCATCH REPORTING METHODOLOGY FINAL RULE**

The [rule](#) goes into effect July 30 and its measures include: bycatch reporting and monitoring mechanisms; analytical techniques and allocation of at-sea fisheries observers; an SBRM performance standard; a review and reporting process; framework adjustment and annual specifications provisions; a prioritization process; and provisions for industry-funded observers and observer set-aside programs.

**SAFMC SNAPPER-GROUPER VISIONING PROJECT**

The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council is developing a long-term "vision" for managing the snapper grouper fishery into the future. The council will be collecting public input on the Draft Vision Blueprint between July and Sept. 1, 2015. There will be several opportunities to talk informally with staff and council members as well as opportunities to submit written comments. For more information and public comment opportunities see the [news release](#).

*\*Last week's update may have caused some confusion. The heading and information on the solicitation for advisory panel members was mistakenly deleted. The visioning project and call for advisers are not connected.*

**SAFMC SEEKS ADVISORY PANEL MEMBERS**

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact area council representatives to discuss their interest in serving. Contact information for all council members is available from the "About Us" section of the council's [website](#) or through the council office.

Advisory panel members will be selected during the Sept. 14-18, 2015 meeting in Hilton Head

Island, S.C. Applications must be received by July 31, 2015 for consideration by the council during the September meeting.

### APPLICATION

Golden Crab AP	4 open seats
Habitat AP	1 FL conservation seat 1 NC conservation seat
Mackerel AP	3 open seats
Law Enforcement AP	1 open seat
Deepwater Shrimp AP	10 open seats
Snapper-Grouper AP	2 NC open seats 1 FL open seat 1 media representative 1 NGO seat
SEDAR AP	open seats

### **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.

**July 13 at 2 p.m.** - NCFA Board Meeting. NC Estuarium, 223 E. Water St., Washington

**July 13 at 6 p.m.** - Oyster and Hard Clam Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee Meeting, DMF Central District Office, 5285 Hwy 70 W, Morehead City

**Aug. 4-6** - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Meeting

**Aug. 11-13** - Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council Meeting

**Aug. 19-21** - Marine Fisheries Commission Meeting

### **PROCLAMATIONS:**

[SNAPPER-GROUPER COMPLEX - RECREATIONAL PURPOSES](#)

[SNAPPER-GROUPER COMPLEX - COMMERCIAL PURPOSES](#)