

**WEEKLY UPDATE: 5/2/2016**  
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**CARTERET COUNTY FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION TO MEET THIS WEEK:**

CCFA will meet this Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm at the Marshallberg Community Club in Marshallberg. They will be discussing the final preparations for the May 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Fish Fry and Bake sale and they need all fishermen and families to attend so they know where they stand on volunteers, raffle items, donations, sponsors, memorials, etc.

Please plan to attend to make this event a success!

If you or someone you know is willing to bake items for the bake sale, please contact Phoebe McArthur, (252) 732-0134 or [phoebe.mcarthur7@gmail.com](mailto:phoebe.mcarthur7@gmail.com) and let her know what you can do.

If you do have anyone interested in being a Sponsor or doing a Memorial, please contact Aundrea O'Neal as soon as possible so that she can make sure that they get their listing in the advertising. Her number is (252) 503-8302 or [aundreaoneal@gmail.com](mailto:aundreaoneal@gmail.com).

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**CCFA FISH FRY!**

The Carteret County Fishermen's Association will have their Annual Fish Fry & Bake Sale on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Crissie Wright Lodge from 11:00am till 6:00pm.

\$10.00 per plate.

If you are Down East, you should stop in. If you have no plans to be Down East on that day, you need to change your plans! The food is great, but the conversations are better! Almost better than dessert! Bring your cameras. Lots of Facebook picture posting opportunities available.

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**COBIA MEETING:**

The South Atlantic & Mid Atlantic Councils will hold a meeting to discuss cobia on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 – 8:00pm at the Hilton in Kill Devil Hills. To participate in the webinar, register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2733536913517393923>

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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES FOR SHORT SESSION:**

The North Carolina General Assembly convened for the “short session” on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Sometimes the short session isn’t so short, but this year they started a little earlier in hopes they could adjourn by July 4<sup>th</sup>. Typically the legislators stick to only issues that are money-related as the session is meant to tweak the budget that was approved last year. However, they can be quite creative in making sure some of the bills are related to the budget. They do try to stay away from controversial issues in the short session.

The deadline for submitting legislation is approaching, so the legislative staffs are hard at work. We are working on some fishing issues and watching for a net ban referendum that Rep. Billy Richardson has said publicly that he would introduce.

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### **SOUTHERN FLOUNDER:**

Last week Peggy wrote a couple of checks from our Southern Flounder Fund. The dollars donated to that fund are to be used specifically for southern flounder work, either legal or otherwise. Currently we are gathering data, both biological and legal.

The clock is ticking and these expenses will only increase, so if you have not yet contributed to the Southern Flounder Fund, please consider doing so.

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**

May 2-5; ASMFC Spring Meeting; Westin; Alexandria, VA  
May 7; 6:30pm; CCFA meeting; Marshallberg Community Club  
May 9; Cobia meeting; 6:00pm; Hilton, Kill Devil Hills  
May 10; 5:30 – 7:30pm; Legislative Reception; Raleigh NC  
May 18-20; MFC meeting; Civic Center; Morehead City  
May 21; 11:00am to 6:00pm CCFA Fish Fry; Crissy Wright Lodge in Smyrna  
June 13-17; SAFMC meeting; Cocoa Beach, FL  
June 14-16; MAFMC meeting; Newark, DE