

WEEKLY UPDATE: 2/15/2016
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NCFA BOARD TO MEET on Monday, February 29th in Washington, NC. Time and location to be announced.

MITCHELL NEWMAN OF SWAN QUARTER OBITUARY:

We are saddened to report the death of Mitchell Newman of Swan Quarter. On behalf of the Board, Staff and Members of the North Carolina Fisheries Association, we offer our condolences and prayers to the family.

Mitchell Paul Newman, 70, of 375 Main Street, Swan Quarter died Monday, February 15, 2016, at his residence.

Born in Beaufort County, September 29, 1945 he was the son of the late Richard Dudley and Muriel Wahab Newman. He was married to the former Patsy Jo Sadler who survives. Long active in community affairs, he served as Emergency Management Director for many years, was a veteran of the U. S. Army, was a former member of the Board of County Commissioners, a member of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Atlantic Lodge #294, attended Swan Quarter Baptist Church and for several years prior to his death, he was terminal manager at the Swan Quarter Ferry Terminal as an employee of the N. C. Ferry System.

Mitchell was a person with a generous and giving spirit, always giving more than his share in making life better for people in Hyde County. He was devoted to his family and provided for them in many ways. Beyond his immediate family, he was known to all as a helpful person and gave of himself through many organizations and committees so that others might do better.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday in the Swan Quarter Baptist Church. Mike Wheeler and Jimmy Johnson will officiate.

Surviving is his wife, Patsy Jo S. Newman; three daughters, Michelle L. Newman of Swan Quarter and her fiancée Danny Johnson, Bridget N. Melvin and husband John of Swan Quarter, Annette N. Carroll and husband Dennis of Garner; two sisters, Florence N. Abele of Swan Quarter, Nancy Newman of Ponzer; two brothers, Gilbert Howard Newman of Pantego and Thomas Edward Newman and wife Susie of Swan Quarter; five grandchildren, Domanic Newman, Porter Carroll, Grant Melvin, Langlee Carroll, Hudson Melvin; and one adopted granddaughter, Brittany Nixon of Belhaven.

He was preceded in death by a sister Nell Sears; two brothers Richard Dudley Newman, Jr and Harvey Wahab Newman.

The family will receive friends Wednesday evening from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Bryan Funeral Service Swan Quarter.

In Lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to Community Home Care and Hospice 33460 US 264, Engelhard, NC 27824 or to The Masonic Home for Children, 600 College St., Oxford NC 27565.

Arrangements are by Bryan Funeral Service, Swan Quarter.

ANNUAL NC CATCH SUMMIT:

March 7-8, 2016
NC Maritime Museum in Beaufort, NC

FROM JERRY:

Just a few words this week to let you know about the efforts of NCFA on a number of issues:

I'll be in Raleigh for a legislative committee meeting on Wednesday, then head to Wrightsville Beach for the Marine Fisheries Commission till Friday.

David will be at the MFC meeting as well, but he'll also be calling on some members and prospective members while he's there.

Today I've been on the phone discussing yet another violation of the Open Meetings Law by the Marine Fisheries Commission. I know there are many who are wondering what NCFA is doing about it. Well, I can't put it in the Weekly Update, but be assured we are addressing the issue!

I've also been working on a response to an article that appeared in the Kinston Free Press and responses to letters to the editor in other papers.

This is one of those times when one becomes very reflective about fisheries specifically and life in general. There have been three deaths over the past couple of weeks: Faith Daniels Miller in the north, Mitchell Newman near the mid coast and Jim Bahen from the southern coast. Faith was younger than me, and Mitchell and Bahen a bit older, but not by much. All were tied to commercial fishing in some way. Jim Bahen was NC State Sea Grant, but he worked very closely with commercial fishermen before he retired. All were good people that brought a smile to your face when thinking about them.

God bless,

Jerry

MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION MEETS THIS WEEK:

The Marine Fisheries Commission meets this week at the Blockade Runner in Wrightsville Beach. That meeting begins with a public comment session on Wednesday evening with the business portion of the meeting on Thursday & Friday. There will be another public comment session first thing Thursday morning.

The public may listen to the meeting on the Internet. Directions for participating in the webcast, including information on system requirements and testing, can be found at:
<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/listen-online>.

A full meeting agenda and briefing book can be found at:

<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/mfc-meetings>

SOUTHERN SHRIMP ALLIANCE & SHRIMP IMPORTS:

The Southern Shrimp Alliance (SSA) is an organization of shrimp fishermen, shrimp processors, and other members of the domestic industry in the eight warmwater shrimp producing states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas. Founded in 2002, the SSA works to ensure the continued vitality and existence of the U.S. shrimp industry. The livelihoods of U.S. shrimpers are threatened by cheap, unfairly traded imported shrimp. The U.S market has become a dumping ground for shrimp that are turned away from other major seafood importing countries. Proposed restrictions on shrimp fishing and

rapidly increasing costs of doing business also loom over the industry. The SSA is committed to preserving the long term viability of one of our nation's most valuable fisheries, which for decades has been a foundation of the economy and social structure of countless coastal communities throughout the Gulf and Southeast regions.

SSA is currently conducting a sunset review, which is required to determine if antidumping duties should remain for imported shrimp from certain countries. John distributed surveys for shrimpers and processors. It is very important for shrimpers and shrimp processors to participate in this survey! If not, the antidumping duties could be lifted.

We have copies at the office, so call if you want us to send you one or more. Or you can contact John Williams of the Southern Shrimp Alliance directly: john@shrimpalliance.com or call: 727-934-5090.

IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN THE DOMESTIC SHRIMP INDUSTRY AND CONCERNED ABOUT IMPORTS, YOU NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SURVEY!!!

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PROPOSED BOUNDARY EXPANSION TO MONITOR NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY:

After several years of scientific and archaeological assessment and in coordination with the public, NOAA is proposing to expand Monitor National Marine Sanctuary off North Carolina's Outer Banks to include additional maritime heritage resources. The proposed expansion would protect a nationally significant collection of shipwrecks that currently have little or no legal protection, including one of America's only World War II battlefields.

For more details and maps see <http://monitor.noaa.gov/management/expansion.html>.

This expansion could have significant impacts on fishermen off the Outer Banks. Please plan to attend one of the following meetings:

Washington, D.C. Tues., Feb. 16 from 6-9 p.m. US Navy Memorial – Main Auditorium 701 Pennsylvania Ave., NW 202-380-0710

Nags Head, NC Wed., Feb. 17 from 6-9 p.m.
Jennette's Pier 7223 S. Virginia Dare Trail
252-255-1501

CALENDAR

Feb 17 Monitor National Marine Sanctuary hearing; 6-9pm; Nags Head

Feb 17-19 NC MFC meeting in Wrightsville Beach, NC

Feb 29 NCFA Board meeting in Washington, NC (Time to be announced)

Mar 7-11 SAFMC meeting in Jekyll Island, GA