

WEEKLY UPDATE: 2/29/2016
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ANNUAL NC CATCH SUMMIT:

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

There is still time to register to attend the clambake on Monday evening. Secretary van der Vaart, Deputy Secretary Evans and DMF Acting Director Jim Kelley will also be attending. There is no cost but you need to make reservations! See below for info to reserve your seat.

It is very important that folks email/call to register. Seating is limited.

rjohnson@hydecourtnc.gov or call Rosemary Johnson at [252-926-4474](tel:252-926-4474)

FROM JERRY:

BOMBSHELL FROM DMF:

It was quite a day yesterday. We had a Board of Directors meeting in Washington and the meeting went rather smoothly. The Board needed some clarification on a couple of things so I sent a text to Louis Daniel and he replied quickly at about 2:00. When the meeting was over and I was on the way home, I received a phone call at 4:00 that Louis had resigned and left the building. I didn't believe it at first but it was confirmed shortly.

There are a few who really want to know why Louis resigned. Fact is, he is no longer the Director at DMF and Jim Kelley is now the Acting Director until a replacement is named. Other than wishing the best for Louis and his family, we need to concentrate on doing whatever we can to assure that the next Director is fair. There are a lot of questions that we have during this transition period, and we are working to get the answers.

SOUTHERN FLOUNDER FUND:

I'll just reiterate what I wrote for last week's update, as we need you to step up to the plate and write a check for the Southern Flounder Fund:

At NCFA's Annual Meeting last month, the members agreed to establish a SOUTHERN FLOUNDER FUND for the purpose of collecting funds to address the issues on that very important fishery. Money collected from that fund will be used on legal fees or any other costs associated with our southern flounder efforts. Money from that fund will NOT be used for administrative costs for NCFA.

We have collected a sum to get started, but will need substantially more. We have had several meetings and are collecting a lot of information and conducting interviews. You'll hear a lot more in the near future!

Send your donations to:
NCFA
2807 Neuse Blvd; Suite 11
New Bern, NC 28562

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

God bless,
Jerry

THANKS TO AUNDREA O'NEAL!!:

It's quite a chore to keep our website and Facebook page updated, and since Lauren left we hadn't been doing a very good job of it. Until Aundrea volunteered! Thanks to her and her very kind boss, she has been keeping our website and Facebook page up to date with all of the current news and events.

So on behalf of Jerry, David, Peggy the NCFA Board and members, THANK YOU AUNDREA for stepping up!

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CALENDAR

Mar 3; 6:00pm: Monkfish public meeting; DMF Manteo office
Mar 7-11 SAFMC meeting in Jekyll Island, GA
Mar 17; 4:00pm; MFC Sea Turtle Advisors; DEQ office; Washington, NC
Apr 12-14; MAFMC meeting in Montauk, NY

