

WEEKLY UPDATE: 11/30/2015
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MARINE RESOURCE EDUCATION PROGRAM SEEKS PARTICIPANTS

The Marine Resource Education Program is created and run by fishermen, for fishermen to help leaders in fishing communities more effectively engage in the fishery management process. MREP has seen 700 workshop graduates over the past 14 years. Participation in the workshops is limited and includes a balanced representation of fisheries, gear types, and geographic regions. Applicants will be selected for their unique contribution to the group and based on their stated interests. Participants are expected to commit to attending all days of the workshop and will be awarded a certificate of completion for each session.

Workshop benefits include room and board as well as mileage reimbursement to and from your home port. Active commercial and charter-for-hire fishermen may apply for an honorarium in the amount of \$125/day daily stipend to account for lost wages.

2016 Schedule:

- MREP Science 100 - January 5-7, 2016 - Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel & Convention Center, 235 E. Main St. Norfolk, VA
- MREP Management 100 - February 23-25, 2016 - Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel & Convention Center, 235 E. Main St. Norfolk, VA
- MREP Ecosystems 200 (NEW) - March 15-16, 2016 - Ocean Place Resort & Spa, 1 Ocean Boulevard, Long Branch, NJ
- MREP for Recreational Fisheries (NEW) - January 19-21, 2016 - Wyndham Baltimore Peabody Court - 612 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD

Apply [here](#), and be sure to indicate your affiliation with NCFA.

WETLAND RIDERS AUTHOR, ROBERT FRITCHEY, RELEASES NEW E-BOOK

Robert Fritchey has released *Missing Redfish: The Blackened History of a Gulf Coast Icon*.

The Gulf of Mexico's most hotly contested fish, the red drum, or "redfish," was transformed in the late 20th century from a universally shared source of nourishment and recreation to an engine for the consumption of goods and services related to sport fishing. Through the controversy, the federal government's involvement enabled an unprecedented overview of the entire Gulf of Mexico's red drum population. It uncovered something astonishing-the species had begun to go missing years before Cajun Chef Paul Prudhomme blackened his first redfish

Missing Redfish is available as an e-book only, from Amazon Kindle, Barnes & Noble Nook Books, and Apple iTunes.

ASMFC SEEKS PROPOSALS FOR SOCIOECONOMIC STUDY OF ATLANTIC MENHADEN COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission is soliciting proposals from research teams to conduct a socioeconomic study of Atlantic menhaden commercial fisheries. The study, expected to begin in February 2016, is intended to characterize the coastwide commercial fisheries, including bait and reduction sectors and the fishing communities they support. Funding for the project has been provided through a cooperative agreement with NOAA Fisheries. Approximately \$80,000 will be available to fund the study. “We anticipate this project will be key to assisting the Board with future decisions on the management of the menhaden resource,” stated Robert Boyles, Chair of the Commission’s Atlantic Menhaden Management Board. “As such, we are hopeful state agencies and stakeholders will fully and openly participate in the collection of new socioeconomic information. The Board will incorporate the products of the study as it moves forward with the development of Draft Amendment 3 in 2017.” For more information see the [Request for Proposals](#).

ASMFC FISHERIES FOCUS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

NMFS EXTENDS BLUELINE TILEFISH EMERGENCY ACTION THROUGH JUNE 3, 2016

This rule extends emergency permitting and possession limit regulations for the blueline tilefish fishery in waters north of the Virginia/ North Carolina border that were implemented on June 4, 2015. This extension is necessary to continue to constrain fishing effort on the blueline tilefish stock while a long-term management plan is developed. The rule is expected to reduce fishing mortality and help ensure the long-term sustainability of the stock. For more information see the [Federal Register notice](#).

NC MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION SEEKS ADVISERS

The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission is looking for commercial and recreational fishermen and scientists to advise it on various fisheries issues. For information on the types of committees, requirements and how to apply see the [news release](#). Applications are due by Dec. 15.

REGULATION AND RULE CHANGES:

-[South Atlantic Commercial Hook-and-Line Golden Tilefish Fishery](#) will close Dec. 8

DEADLINES:

Dec. 15 - MFC Adviser Applications

Dec. 16 - NMFS [Draft Ecosystem-based Fishery Management Policy](#) Comments

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.

Nov. 30 at 12:30 p.m. - NCFA Board of Directors Meeting, Washington Civic Center, 110 Gladden St., Washington

Dec. 7-10 - [MAFMC Meeting](#), The Westin Annapolis, 100 Westgate Circle, Annapolis, MD

Dec. 7-11 - [SAFMC Meeting](#), DoubleTree by Hilton Oceanfront Hotel, 2717 W. Fort Macon Rd., Atlantic Beach, NC

PROCLAMATIONS:

[2015-2016 MECHANICAL HARVEST OF CLAMS](#)

[STRIPED BASS SEASON - BEACH SEINES: ATLANTIC OCEAN](#)

[STOP NETS - MULLET BEACH SEINE FISHERY - ATLANTIC OCEAN - CARTERET COUNTY- SEASON EXTENSION](#)

[GILL NETS - BOGUE BANKS](#)

[CRAB TRAWLING AND TAKING SHRIMP WITH NETS \(OPENING SPECIAL SECONDARY NURSERY AREA INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY FROM MARKER 49 TO THE HIGHWAY 210 HIGH RISE BRIDGE\)](#)