

WEEKLY UPDATE: 3/13/2015
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NCFA TAKES POSITION ON SOUTHERN FLOUNDER SUPPLEMENT AND LEGISLATIVE ISSUES:

Logbook for Charter & Headboats - A motion was made and seconded that: "The Marine Fisheries Commission may require logbooks for for-hire fishermen, and if it does, it shall require similar reporting measures for all recreational fishermen." The motion carried unanimously. (After a very long and spirited debate.)

Offshore Energy Development (Oil and Wind) - The board agreed by consensus not to be for or against either, but to participate in stakeholder and informational meetings to assure our concerns for environmental issues and spatial conflicts are addressed and to keep our options open for changes in our position as we learn more.

Proposed Southern Flounder Supplement - The board agreed by consensus to oppose the development of a supplement and request, if the commission takes any action, that it initiate an amendment.

Core Sound Shellfish Lease Moratorium - The board asked Jerry to talk to gather more information on the issue on the history of the moratorium and details about the current attitudes pro and con and bring it back for the next meeting.

Appointments - The board agreed by consensus to maintain its position that individuals should not serve concurrently on the Marine Fisheries Commission and federal councils. Also, the board agreed by consensus that at-large seats should not be removed from the Marine Fisheries Commission, but should be filled by individuals who do not qualify for other seats.

NC CATCH ANNUAL SUMMIT:



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REAL LOCAL SEAFOOD

Fishermen, seafood dealers, seafood restaurateurs, marketers and other involved in catching, growing, buying and selling North Carolina seafood are encouraged to register now to join NC Catch and this year's host, the Ocracoke Working Watermen's Association at the Summit. Registration is free and open to anyone working in or interested in North Carolina's local seafood industry. To register for the summit and dinner [email](#) or call Rosemary Johnson at 252-926-4474 by 5 p.m., March 17. For more information, see the [news release](#).

NMFS RESCHEDULES PUBLIC HEARING ON DRAFT AMENDMENT 6 TO THE HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

This meeting has been rescheduled for March 18 from 5-8 p.m. at the Dare County Administrative Building Commissioner's Room located at 954 Marshall C. Collins Dr in Manteo, N.C. For more information, see the [news release](#).

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

March 18 at 10 a.m. - Standard Commercial Fishing License Eligibility Board Meeting, Division of Marine Fisheries Central District Office, 5285 Hwy. 70 W., Morehead City

March 19 at 6 p.m. - Sea Turtle Advisory Committee Meeting, DENR Regional Office, 943 Washington Square Mall, Washington

March 26 - Pamlico County Fishermen's Association Meeting, Goose Island Community Center located at 51 Hobucken School Rd., Hobucken.

March 30 at 6:30 p.m. - Albemarle Fishermen's Association, Leon Nixon Catering, 749 Virginia Rd., Edenton

March 31 at 9:30 a.m. - Marine Fisheries Commission Shrimp Bycatch Reduction Industry Work Group Workshop #1, N.C. History Center, Tryon Palace, 529 South Front St., New Bern

April 6 at 6 p.m. - Oyster and Hard Clam Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee, DENR Regional Office, 943 Washington Square Mall, Washington

PROCLAMATIONS

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