

WEEKLY UPDATE: 8/1/2016
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NOTE FROM JERRY:

I will be attending the ASMFC meeting most of this week in Alexandria, VA. Next week, I'll be at the Mid Atlantic Council meeting in Virginia Beach. Our biologist, David Bush, would normally attend these meetings on our behalf, but he is on National Guard duty for the next couple of weeks. We are very proud of David for his prior military service and his continuing commitment as an officer in the National Guard!

While in Virginia, Pam & I hope to see our month-old Great Grandson for the first time! That will mitigate the aggravation of attending another fish meeting.

Jerry

**BEST WISHES TO JIM KELLEY ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM MARINE PATROL and
CONGRATULATIONS TO DEAN NELSON AS THE NEW COLONEL!**

Effective today, Jim Kelley is retiring from the Division of Marine Fisheries and Dean Nelson begins his new position as the head of Marine Patrol.

In making the announcement, DMF Director Braxton Davis said, "Dean has been with Marine Patrol since 1995. I'm excited to have his leadership, experience, knowledge and positive attitude at the helm of Marine Patrol".

Congratulations and best wishes to Jim and Dean! (Maybe they should start a band.)

CARTERET COUNTY FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION TO MEET!

CCFA will be holding their monthly on Saturday, August 6 at 6:00pm. It will be held at the Marshallberg Community Club in Marshallberg, NC. Please make all efforts to attend.

COBIA PUBLIC HEARINGS SET BY SAFMC:

The South Atlantic Council has set up a series of hearings to take comments on cobia, mutton snapper, dolphin (mahimahi) and yellowtail snapper. Information can be found here:

http://safmc.net/SAFMCNR_072016_PublicHearingsAug2016

A webinar public hearing will be held on Monday, August 1st, from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

A webinar public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 2nd, from 6:00 to 8:00pm for Snapper/Grouper, Amendment 41.

More information and webinar registration can be found at www.safmc.net.

The hearings will be as follows. (This list is not inclusive of all areas, only those in our area):

Monday, August 1st: Cobia Webinar from 6:00 – 8:00pm

Tuesday, August 2nd: Snapper/Grouper webinar from 6:00 – 8:00pm

Tuesday, August 9th: Hilton; Virginia Beach

Wednesday, August 10th: DMF Central Office; Morehead City, NC

Thursday, August 11th: Hilton, Kitty Hawk, NC

From David:

NC Fisheries Workshop Update:

I have gotten quite a bit of interest from recreational fishermen, but not many commercial fishermen have signed up yet.

Time is running out to sign up for the workshop, and I need confirmation from folks who wish to attend. If any of you, or your employees/fishermen/associated workers would like to attend, I need confirmation via email at davidbush@ncfish.org, or by phone at 910-777-1605.

The date is set for September 17th in New Bern, and if things go well, there will be future opportunities for those that missed it to attend.

Please check with your folks and reply as soon as possible so that this can move forward.

FISHERMEN'S WORKGROUP TO MEET:

NCFA is hosting two meetings for a Fishermen's Workgroup on Protected Species. Details were sent out last week, but if you did NOT receive them in the mail and want more information, call or send us a note.

The meetings are scheduled for:

August 30th: 1:00pm at the Wanchese Community Center in Wanchese

August 31st: 2:00pm at the Sanitary Restaurant in Morehead City

SEA TO TABLE:

Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow (ACT), in collaboration with the Culinary School at Carteret Community College, is sponsoring a SEA TO TABLE Dinner on Thursday, September 8th at 6:00pm at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City.

You'll enjoy a three-course meal fresh from local waters and farmland and prepared by Chef Ross Ragonese and students at the Culinary School. All proceeds benefit Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow in their efforts to protect and grow Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point.

Tickets are \$75. For more information and reservations: www.alliesforcherrypoint.com or (252) 631-5021.

SOUTHERN FLOUNDER:

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.

CALENDAR

Aug 1 – 4: ASMFC meeting; Alexandria VA

Aug 1: SAFMC webinar on Cobia; 6:00 – 8:00pm

Aug 2: SAFMC webinar on Snapper Grouper Amendment 41; 6:00 – 8:00pm

Aug 6: Carteret County Fishermen's Association; 6:00pm; Marshallberg Community Building

Aug 8 – 11: MAFMC meeting; Virginia Beach, VA

Aug 9: SAFMC hearing on Cobia & Snapper Grouper; Virginia Beach, NC

Aug 10: SAFMC hearing on Cobia & Snapper Grouper; DMF Central Office; Morehead City, NC

Aug 11: SAFMC hearing on Cobia & Snapper Grouper; Hilton, Kitty Hawk, NC

Aug 17 – 19: North Carolina MFC meeting; Hilton Brownstone, Raleigh

Aug 30: Fishermen's Workgroup; 1:00pm; Wanchese Community Center in Wanchese

Aug 31: Fishermen's Workgroup; 2:00pm; Sanitary Restaurant in Morehead City

Sept 8: Sea to Table Dinner; local seafood and farm; 6:00pm; Crystal Coast Civic Center, Morehead City

Sept 12 – 16: SAFMC meeting; Myrtle Beach, SC