

WEEKLY UPDATE: 2/20/2015
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MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION MEETING:

A detailed summary of the meeting is coming soon!

DEWEY HEMILRIGHT NAMED IN THE BUSCH 2015 CLASS OF HEROES

This week board member Dewey Hemilright was announced as one of six individuals in the Busch 2015 Class of Heroes. The Busch Heroes program was developed in 2014 "to recognize people who truly go above and beyond, not only in their day job, but also by making a difference in their community when the workday is complete." Check out the video below to hear Dewey's story.



Also, Dewey EARNED this billboard on Capital Boulevard in Raleigh!



DRAFT AMENDMENT 6 TO THE 2006 CONSOLIDATED HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES

This amendment proposes a range of management measures for the commercial shark fisheries to respond to the problems facing these fisheries, such as commercial landings that exceed the quotas, declining numbers of fishing permits since limited access was implemented, complex regulations, derby fishing conditions due to small quotas and short seasons, increasing numbers of regulatory discards, and declining market prices. For more information, see the [news release](#).

There are two upcoming opportunities to comment on the amendment.

Feb. 26 - Public Hearing, Commissioners Meeting Room, Dare County Admin Building, 954 Marshall C. Collins Dr., Manteo

March 25 - Conference Call and Webinar

To participate via phone, call 877-918-1344. Passcode: 7371832

To participate in the webinar, RSVP at

<https://noaaevents2.webex.com/noaaevents2/onstage/g.php?d=998580989&t=a>. You will receive a confirmation email after registration.

MAFMC ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ADVISORY PANEL MEMBER

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council is accepting applications from qualified individuals to serve on seven advisory panels. [Advisory panels](#) provide information and recommendations to the Council during the development of fishery management plans, amendments, specifications, and management measures.

Current advisers must apply to be reappointed. Applications are due by Feb. 27. 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.

Feb. 25 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. - Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Emergency Blueline Tilefish Webinar

March 2-6 - South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, The King and Prince Resort, 201 Arnold Rd., St. Simons Island, GA

[MFC/DMF Meeting Schedule](#)

PROCLAMATIONS:

[SNAPPER-GROUPER COMPLEX-COMMERCIAL PURPOSES](#)

[SPINY DOGFISH-COMMERCIAL FISHING OPERATIONS](#)

[RULE SUSPENSION-GILL NET RESTRICTIONS: INTERNAL COASTAL WATERS](#)