

WEEKLY UPDATE: 2/6/2015
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

This week Senators Cook, Tillman, and Sanderson introduced Senate Bill 34, "An Act to Provide for Shellfish Cultivation Leases in Areas Containing Submerged Aquatic Vegetation." This bill states that leases shall not be denied based solely on the presence of submerged aquatic vegetation. Rumors of game fish and net ban bills continue to circulate. Also, Governor McCrory announced a plan in his State of the State address to move agencies with visitor experiences, which include the North Carolina State Parks, Aquariums, Zoo and Museum of Natural Sciences, into the Department of Cultural Resources.

UPCOMING MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION MEETING:

The Marine Fisheries Commission will meet Feb. 18-20 at the Hilton Riverside in Wilmington, NC. For more information, review the [agenda](#) and [briefing materials](#).

MAFMC ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ADVISORY PANEL MEMBERS: 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. 10-12 - Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Doubletree by Hilton Raleigh Brownstone University, 1707 Hillsborough St., Raleigh

Feb. 18-20 - Marine Fisheries Commission Business Meeting, Hilton Wilmington Riverside, 301 North Water St., Wilmington, NC

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:

No proclamations have been issued this week.