

**WEEKLY UPDATE: 12/15/2017**  
**NORTH CAROLINA FISHERIES ASSOCIATION**  
**"Serving the Commercial Fishing Families of North Carolina since 1952"**  
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**DMF SHRIMP BYCATCH WORKSHOP SET**

The Division of Marine Fisheries will hold a Shrimp Bycatch Workshop on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 until 2:00 at the Riverfront Convention Center in New Bern.

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**NCFA SETS DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting for NCFA will be held on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Riverfront Convention Center in New Bern. This meeting is to elect one third of the Board and allows members to recommend NCFA's priorities for the coming year. More details to come.

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**TRADEWINDS MAILED**

The December/January issue of Tradewinds was mailed on Wednesday, so look for your copy. Or you can view it online at the link below. It's 48 color pages of some great stuff!

[December/January issue of Tradewinds](#)

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**SUMMER FLOUNDER AMENDMENT UPDATE**

The Joint Management Board for summer flounder, made up of the Mid Atlantic Fishery Management Council and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, continues to work on the comprehensive summer flounder amendment that has the potential to make substantial changes to how the fishery is allocated. It should be ready for public comment by early 2018.

Stay tuned, as public comment on these potential changes is extremely important!

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED MAGNUSON AUTHORIZATION**

This week, the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee approved the Magnuson Stevens reauthorization bill, named "Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act."

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## MARITIME ANGELS



Let's celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.... GIVING!

This year the NCFA would like to try something new. We are initiating a Christmas drive called "Maritime Angels", a program designed specifically to help some of the families from the commercial fishing industry in our areas who may need a little help this holiday season.

If you would like to join our efforts you may donate items such as new toys for all ages, clothing for adults and children, shoes, non-perishable food, gift cards and/or monetary donations.

Items can be dropped off at:  
101 N. 5th Street, Morehead City NC

Checks can be mailed to:  
NCFA, Maritime Angels, PO Box 86 Morehead City.

CALL 252-726-6232 to donate with Credit/Debit

The NFCA and all of our fisherman would like to thank you in advance for your support and wish you all a blessed holiday season.

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## MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION LOOKING FOR ADVISORS

The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission is looking for commercial and recreational fishermen, scientists and other interested parties to sit on various fisheries advisory committees.

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Two regional advisory committees – Northern and Southern – and three standing advisory committees – Finfish, Habitat and Water Quality, and Shellfish/Crustacean – review matters referred to them by the commission, such as draft fishery management plans. Committees may also bring fisheries issues pertaining to their region or subject matter to the commission’s attention.

The Marine Fisheries Commission chairman appoints members to these committees for three-year terms, and several terms will expire in January.

To qualify to serve on a committee, applicants must not have had a significant fisheries violation within the past three years.

Individuals interested in serving as an adviser should be willing to attend meetings at least once every two months and actively participate in the committee process, which includes reviewing scientific documents and issue papers to make recommendations on management strategies.

Advisers who complete the necessary paperwork will be reimbursed for travel and other expenses incurred in relation to their official duties.

Adviser applications are available online [here](#) or at Division of Marine Fisheries’ offices or by calling 252-808-8022 or 800-682-2632. Applications should be returned by Jan. 2, 2018 by email to [Craig.Alley@ncdenr.gov](mailto:Craig.Alley@ncdenr.gov) or by mail to: N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, N.C. 28557, Attention: Craig Alley.

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## CALENDAR

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