

WEEKLY UPDATE: 8/15/2016
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MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION TO MEET THIS WEEK:

The North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission will meet this week at the Brownstone in Raleigh, beginning with a public comment/question session in the evening of Wednesday, August 17th.

You can view the agenda and meeting materials here:
<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/08-2016-briefing-book>

DMF TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR FLOUNDER PERMIT AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Two meetings will be held:

August 23rd at 6:00pm at the Dare County Multipurpose Room in Manteo
and
August 24th at 6:00pm at the DMF Central District Office in Morehead City

NOTE FROM JERRY:

I attended the Mid Atlantic Fishery Management Council meeting last week in Virginia Beach. Highlights are as follows:

APPROVES AMENDMENT TO PROTECT UNMANAGED FORAGE SPECIES:

The Council approved an amendment to protect unmanaged forage species. The amendment would prohibit the development of new and expansion of existing directed commercial fisheries on a number of unmanaged forage species in Mid-Atlantic Federal waters. The prohibition would continue until the Council has had an opportunity to assess the available scientific information for these species and consider the potential impacts to existing fisheries, fishing communities, and the marine ecosystem. The council received 21,000 comments on the amendment.

SET SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL QUOTAS:

Summer Flounder

This year: 8.12
2017: 5.66 or 30% reduction
2018: 6.63

Scup

This year: 20.47
2017: 18.38
2018: 17.34

Black Sea Bass
This year: 2.70
2017: 2.71

Bluefish
This year: 4.88
2017: 6.07
2018: 7.24

From David:
NC Fisheries Workshop Update:

The workshop appears to have gained some steam. Thank you to those that have replied. I have also had a few replies about some not having the ability to attend. I completely understand, but if this ends up being as successful as I hope, there will be other opportunities that may work better with your seasons. This workshop is intended to provide those that are willing and able to attend, some basis to be better prepared to participate in the management process. Not everyone can, but those that can, need to be as knowledgeable as possible to be effective.

If you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible. 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.

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

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FISHERMEN'S WORKGROUP TO MEET:

NCFA is hosting two meetings for a Fishermen's Workgroup on Protected Species. Details were sent out recently, 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.

CALENDAR

Aug 16; NCFA Board of Directors; Noon; Civic Center in Washington, NC

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

Aug 23; 6:00pm; DMF public meeting on flounder permits/reporting; Dare County; Manteo

Aug 24; 6:00pm; DMF public meeting on flounder permits/reporting; DMF Central Ofc; Morehead City

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