

WEEKLY UPDATE: 12/8/2017
NORTH CAROLINA FISHERIES ASSOCIATION
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NCF A SETS DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

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

MARITIME ANGELS



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

This year the NCF A 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.

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.

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 or by mail to: N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, N.C. 28557, Attention: Craig Alley.

PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP FOR SOUTHERN FLOUNDER STOCK ASSESSMENT

Staff with the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries will hold a three-day, in-person workshop Dec. 12-14 with scientists who are peer reviewing a draft assessment of the southeast regional southern flounder stock.

The workshop will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel New Bern Riverfront, 100 Middle St., New Bern.

The discussions begin at 10 a.m. on Dec. 12 and 9 a.m. on Dec. 13 and will be open to the public these two days. The open sessions allow the public to observe the peer review process, but do not include a public comment period.

The Dec. 14 discussions will be in a closed session to allow the peer reviewers to deliberate and complete a draft version of their peer review report, and for the stock assessment workgroup to address any outstanding tasks.

A stock assessment is a scientific analysis that uses information gathered from commercial and recreational fishermen and data from on-the-water scientific sampling and observations to determine the health of a fish population and predict how that population may respond to different management measures.

A peer review is an evaluation of scientific work by independent and unbiased experts. A peer review of a fisheries stock assessment evaluates the validity of the data used, the appropriateness of the assessment model used and the rationale of any assumptions used to determine if the science conducted is adequate for use in fisheries management. Peer review scientists have not been involved in or had input into the development of the stock assessment and have no stake in its outcome.

In the past, the division has not held in-person, public peer review workshops. This new peer review process is meant to improve the communication between the peer reviewers and division stock assessment scientists and to improve public understanding of fisheries stock assessments.

CALENDAR

Dec 11 – 14; Mid Atlantic Council; Westin Annapolis; Annapolis, MD

Dec 12 – 14; DMF southern flounder stock assessment workshop; Hilton; New Bern, NC

Jan 22, 2018; 2:00pm; NCFA Annual Meeting; Riverfront Convention Center; New Bern, NC
