

WEEKLY UPDATE: 4/13/2018
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HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE FRIDAY THE 13th!

MEETINGS WITH FISHERMEN SET FOR NEXT WEEK!

NCFA has scheduled some meetings along the coast for fishermen and supporters to discuss very important issues for the commercial fishing community and the upcoming Seafood Lobby Day in Raleigh. Scheduled for May 23rd, Seafood Lobby Day is less than 6 weeks!

THESE ARE VERY IMPORTANT MEETINGS FOR THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN A FUTURE FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING FAMILIES and ASSURING ACCESS TO FRESH NORTH CAROLINA SEAFOOD!!!

Here are the meetings that have been scheduled so far:

BRUNSWICK COUNTY:

Wednesday, April 18th at 6:00pm
Tri-Beach VFD
854 Sabbath Home Rd SW
Supply, NC 28462

DARE COUNTY:

Thursday, April 19th at 4:00pm
Wanchese Community Center
295 Old Schoolhouse Road
Wanchese, NC 27981

Monday, April 23rd at 4:00pm
Hatteras Community Building (behind library next to the Post Office)
56658 NC Hwy 12
Hatteras, NC 27943

Other meetings will be scheduled so stay tuned!

NCFA YOUNG FISHERMAN'S PROGRAM

The NCFA is excited to announce the start of its Young Fisherman's Program. The purpose of the program is to educate young fishermen about the fishery management process in NC and encourage them to become more involved in that process. The first year of the three-year program will focus on public speaking, community outreach and education with a set of goals that will help our young fishermen progress in each of these areas.

There is no age requirement for this program and it is open to both young and the young at heart. If you are interested or someone you know maybe interested in participating, please contact Aundrea O'Neal. aundrea@ncfish.org, 252-726-6232 or 252-503-8302.

CCFA SETS DATE FOR ANNUAL FISH FRY!

The Carteret County Fisherman's Association has set May 5th as the date for its Annual Fish Fry at Wheatly Boys Tire in Otway! Hours are 11:00am to 4:00pm.

Sponsorships are \$250 & up; Memorial/Honorarium \$100; Raffle tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20
Plates are only \$10 each!

Tickets for the raffle and for fish plates can be picked up now at the NCFA office in Morehead City!

For sponsorships or honorariums or for more info, call Aundrea O'Neal: 252-503-8302.

SEAFOOD RECEPTION AND LOBBY DAY PLANNING IN THE WORKS!

Event will be on May 23rd!

The day begins with a rally on the south side of the Capitol from 9:00am till 1:00pm!

If you want to take advantage of special room rates, you **MUST** make your reservation by April 22nd!

Here are the details for the special rates at the Raleigh hotel for May 22nd and/or May 23rd:

Red Roof PLUS on South Saunders Street

Rates start at \$63.74 and you can reserve for only one night or both.

To reserve, call 1-800-733-7663 and mention the North Carolina Fisheries Association and Code B256NFISH

NCFA is making final preparations for a Seafood Reception and Lobby Day for May 23rd! This will be an especially important time for you to make plans for going to Raleigh to talk to legislators during the day and attend a legislative seafood reception in the evening.

Last year was the first year for Seafood Lobby Day, which we hope to make an annual event in conjunction with the Legislative Seafood Reception. The Reception was started several years ago by NC Watermen United (NCWU) and NCFA was invited a few years ago to participate. NCFA had the first Seafood Lobby Day last year, primarily to address H-867 which was basically a rewrite of the Fisheries Reform Act without any commercial fishing input.

CAMPAIGN EVENTS

MICHAEL SPECIALE, incumbent for NC House District 3, is having a fund raiser. The event is a Reverse Drawing with tickets at \$100 each. You or a person representing your interest must be present to win at "Make it Personally Yours" on East Main Street in Havelock, on April 21st, 2018 at 6:00pm. There will be 100 tickets sold, which included a catered meal for two and a chance of winning \$3,000. For tickets or more info, call Hazel Speciale: (252) 635-5326.

MID ATLANTIC COUNCIL SEEKS ADVISORS

We included specific information in the last 2 updates, so if you need it, please call the office or respond to this message. Completed applications must be received by Friday, April 20, 2018.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mary Sabo at (302) 518-1143, msabo@mafmc.org.

CALENDAR

April 18; 6:00pm; Brunswick County meeting with fishermen and supporters; Tri-Beach VFD in Supply

April 19; 4:00pm; Dare County meeting with fishermen & supporters; Wanchese Community Center

April 23; 4:00pm; Dare County meeting with fishermen & supporters; Hatteras Community Bldg.

May 1 – 3; Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission; Arlington, VA

May 5; Carteret County Fisherman's Association Fish Fry

May 23; ALL DAY; Seafood Lobby Day in Raleigh