

**WEEKLY UPDATE: 2/9/2018**  
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**MARINE FISHERIES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS CHANGING COMMERCIAL LICENSE CRITERIA**  
Proposal would change definition of a commercial fisherman

The MFC meets next week. Although the meeting begins at 2:00pm on Wednesday, the public comment portion of begins at 6:00pm. Speakers can offer comments for up to 3 minutes. The Commission will vote on the proposal to change the definition of a commercial fisherman on Thursday morning. For those planning to attend and speak on Wednesday evening, it is very important to not only voice your opposition to the change, but WHY this change could affect YOU or a member of your family!

If you cannot attend but wish to comment, the deadline for submitting your comments is TODAY! You can email to [CommercialLicensesComments@ncdenr.gov](mailto:CommercialLicensesComments@ncdenr.gov)

If you have any problems in submitting your comments today, please call the office at 252-726-6232 and we can assist. If you would like to attend the meeting in person and have issues with transportation, also call the office.

If you wish to distribute copies of your comments in person to the Commission, you should bring 12 copies.

\* Call **Sammy Corbett and Alison Willis** as soon as you can and let them know you **OPPOSE** any changes to the definition! **Sammy & Alison have both indicated they favor these changes.** Janet Rose is the other commercial commissioner and she has been opposed to any change. The other side tries to give the impression that Sammy and Alison reflect the opinions of most commercial fishermen. We know it's not true, so it's important that you call them and let 'em know you disagree with what they're proposing and let them know that most commercial fishermen are opposed! Their numbers are listed below. If you get a chance, **thank Janet Rose who is the only commissioner that is opposed to this.** (Not sure about the newest MFC members.)

Sammy Corbett: 910-620-1804  
Alison Willis: 919-971-3905

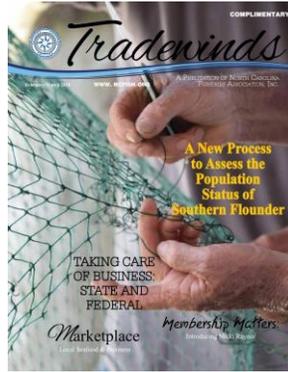
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**NEW ISSUE OF TRADEWINDS IS COMING YOUR WAY!**

The Feb/March issue of Tradewinds has been mailed! Great stuff in it. If you can't wait, check it out online! Here are a couple of great quotes from this issue:

"We'd go to Raleigh and sometimes leave there laughing. Sometimes we'd leave a' crying. Most times we'd leave a' praying."  
Sandy Gaskill, page 44

"How dare any sport fishermen speak ill of hard working American families who earn their livelihood in the sea..."  
"If we continue as sportfishermen to see the American commercial fishermen as the enemy, we will lose the fight in conservation."  
Tred Barta, page 47



**Tradewinds February/March 2018**

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**CALENDAR**

**Feb. 13-15; Mid Atlantic Council; Hilton at Crabtree; Raleigh, NC**  
**Feb. 14 & 15, 2018; NC Marine Fisheries Commission; Blockade Runner, Wrightsville Beach**  
**Feb. 26; Noon; NCFA Board of Directors; Civic Center; Washington, NC**  
**March 5 – 9; South Atlantic Council; Jekyll Island, Georgia**

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