

NCFA BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED

NCFA's Board meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, July 2, 2018, beginning at 11:00am at the Civic Center in Washington, NC.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

H-361, "Support Shellfish Industry":

Last week, the bill was referred to the House Rules Committee, and that is where the bill still lies. We've heard that the bill has been discussed in caucus, but other than that, no official action. Just as the commercial fishing community is split on the bill, so is NCFA's membership. Legislatively, Rep. Pat McElraft from Carteret County and Rep. Beverly Boswell from Dare County, have differences on that bill. Both Republicans and usual allies and defenders of commercial fishing, Beverly has been a staunch supporter of H-361 and Pat believes the issue should wait till next year's long session.

[NCFA's letter to NC House about shellfish bill](#)

[Rep. Pat McElraft's position on the shellfish bill](#)

The General Assembly will more than likely adjourn on Friday, June 29th, according to House Speaker Tim Moore. Until then, the Shellfish bill could come up for a vote on the House floor. Based upon personal conversations with House members and emails we've received, the House remains divided on the bill and it's hard to say how the vote would go. If it does come up and passed, the next question is, what would Governor Cooper do?

BIG GUNS NEEDED IN RALEIGH!



L-R: Glenn Skinner with daughters Emily and Kaitlin with Rep. Pat McElraft. The girls joined their Dad and Jerry as they worked on fisheries bills on Wednesday.

THANKS TO NC DEMOCRAT PARTY FOR ADOPTING RESOLUTION

The North Carolina Democrat Party adopted a resolution at their convention on June 10, 2018. The resolution requests that Governor Cooper work to "...restore balance and fairness and fairness in management in North Carolina marine fisheries resources".

[NC Democrat Party resolution on fisheries](#)

The North Carolina Fisheries Association appreciates the adoption of this resolution supporting commercial fishing families through a fair process.

CALENDAR

July 2; 11:00am; NCFB Board of Directors meeting; Civic Center; Washington, NC
July 18; 6:00pm; Southern Flounder FMP Advisors; DEQ Regional Office; Washington, NC