WEEKLY UPDATE: 12/29/2017 NORTH CAROLINA FISHERIES ASSOCIATION

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

NCFA's Board of Directors, Staff and Members wish you and your family a very Happy and prosperous New Year!

MARITIME ANGELS

We would like to thank everyone who helped make the NCFA's 1st Annual *Maritime Angels* a success even though we had very little time to get it orchestrated. Thanks to the generosity and good will of those who gave freely, we were able to provide Christmas gifts for 25 children from the commercial fishing industry and help three families that were fighting some type of illness. We would also like to thank our Board Members for trusting us to take on this project. We plan to continue this effort annually and will be kicking off the 2nd Annual *Maritime Angels* on October 1, 2018.

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. The deadline for applying is on January 2nd. We have circulated the details over the past several Weekly Updates, so if you need them, please contact us via email or call the office and we'll resend.

DMF SHRIMP BYCATCH WORKSHOP SET

The Division of Marine Fisheries will hold a Shrimp Bycatch Workshop on Monday, January 22nd from 10:00 until 2:00 at the Riverfront Convention Center in New Bern.

NCFA SETS DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting for NCFA 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 NCFA's priorities for the coming year. Board members up for reconsideration for another three year term are: AREA ONE: Mike Blanton; AREA SEVEN: Doug Todd; AT-LARGE: Michael (Jimbo) Ireland; and AT-LARGE: Ross Butler.

NEW OFFICE HOURS FOR NCFA

Effective with the new year, NCFA's office hours will be 9 to 5 Monday thru Friday.

CALENDAR

Jan 22, 2018; 10 till 2; DMF Shrimp Bycatch Workshop; Riverfront Convention Center; New Bern Jan 22, 2018; 2:00pm; NCFA Annual Meeting; Riverfront Convention Center; New Bern