

WEEKLY UPDATE: 5/5/2017
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

After a very busy schedule with the crossover deadline last week, the General Assembly had little on its plate this week. However, next week will be back into full swing with committee meetings and budget deliberations.

NEW NAME, SAME PLAYERS, SAME ANTI-COMMERCIAL FISHING AGENDA

You may have heard the name: NC Sound Economy. Sounds different, but it's the same old agenda, that being, opposed to commercial fishing families. The CCA and North Carolina Wildlife Federation are suffering the same fate: their brand is hurting. So they have re-invented themselves in the form of a new umbrella organization. The former contract lobbyist for the CCA is no longer listed as a lobbyist for them, but is listed as a lobbyist for NC Sound Economy.

Greg Hurt is listed with the Secretary of State as the Treasurer of the new organization. He's also the former President of the Board of Directors of the CCA. Plus, he's an employee of one of the affiliate groups for Capitol Broadcasting in Raleigh. The same folks that own WRAL and the ones that did the one hour ad for the CCA, which they called a documentary, "Net Effects". A tangled web, is it not?

CARTERET COUNTY FISH FRY COMING UP NEXT WEEK!

The Carteret County Fishermen's Association will hold their ANNUAL FISH FRY on May 13th, from 11am till 6:00pm at Wheatly Boys Tire & Auto in Otway. Plates are only \$10! Sponsorships also available so for more information, call 252-269-5020 or 252-503-0382.

WHQR PUBLIC RADIO IN WILMINGTON AIRS ABOUT FISHERIES REFORM ACT OF 1997

The live one hour show aired on Thursday, May 4th from noon till 1:00pm. Guests were Dr. B.J. Copeland, Jess Hawkins, Dick Brame and Jerry Schill. All four were involved with the debates that took place with the Moratorium Steering Committee in the mid 90s that eventually led to the passage of the FRA in August 1997.

B.J. is now retired but was the NC Sea Grant Director and Professor at NC State. He served on the Moratorium Steering Committee. Jess Hawkins is retired after a 30 year career as a biologist at the Division of Marine Fisheries. Dick Brame was the first Executive Director of the CCA and now works for the parent CCA. Jerry is the former President of NCFA and is now Director of Government Relations for the group.

The program will be rebroadcast on WHQR on Sunday afternoon and will eventually be available on their website: <http://whqr.org/topic/coastline>

WHQR WILL AIR ANOTHER FISHERIES PROGRAM ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th

The program will be live with several guests including Glenn Skinner, NCFA's Executive Director. They can be found at 91.3fm or the www.whqr.org.

CALENDAR

May 10; Joint MAFMC & ASMFC; Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass Board; Alexandria, VA

May 13; CCFA Fish Fry; 11am – 6pm; Wheatly Boys in Otway; \$10 per plate

May 17 – 18; NC MFC Meeting; New Bern, NC

June 5; NCFA Board; Noon; Civic Center in Washington NC