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WEEKLY UPDATE BACK ON A FRIDAY SCHEDULE:

When NCFA began the Weekly Update back in the 90s, it was compiled and sent at the end of each week. Back then it was primarily via fax and snail mail, but eventually email was the prominent delivery of the update. We still fax to those who request it. A few months ago we began to circulate the update the first of the week, but since it's difficult to stay on a Monday schedule due to various conflicts, we are going back to a Friday delivery, beginning today.

T-SHIRTS ARE IN:

Call Peggy at 252-633-6232 to check on size/color availability. Shirts are \$16 each.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

This week a new bill was introduced regarding striped bass. It's a modified gamefish bill for striped bass, ostensibly because the fish taken in that area are primarily hatchery raised fish. The bills primary sponsors are Rep. Billy Richardson, Rep. Jay Adams and Rep. Michael Wray.

[H-853: Protect Striped Bass/Central Southern Area; by Reps. Richardson, Adams & Wray](#)

Could not possess striped bass in that area by commercial fishermen, but OK to catch hook & line.

[H-853](#)

Here is the list of fisheries bills that were on last week's update. Two are scheduled for committee hearings: S-370, South Atlantic Federal Fisheries Resources by Senator Rabon. That's the resolution in opposition to catch shares, which NCFA supports. Committee meeting info below.

H-524 Marine Aquaculture Development Act, sponsored by Rep. Beverly Boswell and Rep. Phil Shepard. Committee meeting info below.

Click on the bill number under the brief explanation and it will take you to the wording of the bill.

[S-131: Regulatory Reform Act of 2016-2017 by Senators Wells, Cook & Sanderson](#)

Omnibus bill with lots of non-fishing stuff, but includes making all commercial and recreational fishing license information confidential, include email addresses; We have inquired about clarification of Section 3.15.

[S-131](#)

[S-370: South Atlantic Federal Fisheries Resources: by Senator Rabon](#)

Senate Resolution in opposition the federal catch shares. Senator Cook has been added as a sponsor.

[S-370](#)

This bill is scheduled to be heard on Wednesday, April 19th, at 9:00am before the Senate Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment Committee; Room 1027/1128 in the Legislative Building.

[S-410: Marine Aquaculture Development Act by Senators Cook, Sanderson & Tillman](#)

[S-410](#)

[H-524: Same as S-410, but sponsored by Reps Boswell & Shepard](#)

[H-524](#)

This bill is scheduled to be heard by the House Environment Committee on Thursday, April 20th, at 11:00am in Room 1228/1327 in the Legislative Building.

[S-432: Delay Marine Fisheries Rule Making by Senators Sanderson, Cook & Tillman](#)

Would delay the implementation of any rules from the shrimp petition until bycatch study is finished.

[S-432](#)

[S-434: Amend Environmental Laws 2 by Senators Sanderson, Cook & Wells](#)

An omnibus bill with fisheries related issues. You will need to read the whole bill.

[S-434](#)

[**H-545: Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee Reforms: by Reps Boswell, Millis, Pittman, Clampitt, Dulin, Harrison, Speciale, & Steinburg**](#)

Would require the Marine Fisheries Commission to provide a resolution when the Commission rejects the recommendations of the advisors. Basis for this legislation is the action by the MFC in February when they rejected the overwhelming recommendations by 5 advisory committees to deny the shrimp Petition for Rulemaking.

[**H-545**](#)

CALENDAR

April 17 – 18; Snapper Grouper AP Meeting; Charleston, SC

April 19 – 20; Mackerel Cobia AP Meeting; Charleston, SC

May 1; NCFA Board of Directors; Noon; Civic Center; Washington, NC

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

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

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