

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 11/09/2018
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

ASMFC APPOINTMENT: Governor Roy Cooper appointed Jerry Mannen of Wilmington as the Governor's appointee to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC). Mannen is a partner at Yow, Fox & Mannen, L.L.P. and is a former member of the North Carolina Real Estate Commission and the New Hanover County Museum Board of Trustees. He replaces Doug Brady of Carteret County who was appointed by Governor Pat McCrory.

MFC APPOINTMENTS: Governor Cooper is expected to announce two appointments soon to fill the vacancies left by the resignations of Sammy Corbett and Alison Willis. They are expected to be sworn in at the Marine Fisheries Commission meeting next week in Dare County.

NCFA BOARD ACTIONS (11/07/2018)

At the Board of Directors meeting on November 7th, the Board unanimously agreed to the following:

SAFMC NOMINATIONS:

Support Tim Griner as preferred for reappointment to the North Carolina obligatory seat on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council. Tim is the incumbent for the seat, serving on his first three year term.

H-361; SUPPORT SHELLFISH INDUSTRY:

Write a letter to the General Assembly in opposition to any further action on H-361, Support Shellfish Industry. The bill is currently on the House side as a conference report. Although NCFA does not expect the bill to be on the floor during the special session, NCFA's Board wanted to let the legislators know that we are opposed to any further action on the bill.

DRAFT LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL HELP:

Write a letter to all of the US Senators and Representatives urging them to support Governor Cooper's request for the Federal Assistance for North Carolina fisheries hit hard by Hurricane Florence. (Governor Cooper's letter can be read on our website www.ncfish.org)

NCFA continues discussion with DEQ and DMF about hurricane relief for commercial fishermen. As noted last week, the next meeting of Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources is next Tuesday, November 13th, with hurricane relief on the agenda. NCFA will attend the meeting and be lobbying for all the help we can get for the INDUSTRY.

MARITIME ANGELS

Don't forget to go to www.ncfish.org and donate to *Maritime Angels*.

(No donation is too big or too small-We appreciate them all!!)

Or you can mail your donation to:

NCFA-Maritime Angels

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CALENDAR

Nov. 14-16

Nov 14 at 6 p.m.

Nov. 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Nov. 16 at 9:00 a.m.

N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission

A public comment period will be held at 6 p.m. Nov. 14.

The business sessions of the meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Nov. 15 and 9 a.m. Nov. 16.

Hilton Garden Inn

5353 N. Virginia Dare Trail, Kitty Hawk

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Nov. 14

At 6 p.m.

Crystal Coast Brewing Company(Morehead City Tap Room)

702 Arendell Street

Morehead City NC 28557

BREWS FOR BOTTOM FISH

Join us at Crystal Coast Brewing's Morehead City Taproom to hear about descender devices, which return floating fish to safety.

Bottom fish like snappers and groupers often float when released. Taking action to help them can prevent their deaths. This free event will feature a brief presentation from Brendan Runde, a researcher at NC State University, as well as demonstrations and free SeaQualizer descender devices (\$60 value).

[Crystal Coast Brewing Company](#) will have great craft beers on tap, as well as wine and cider available. [Mari's Hella Fat Food](#) will be at the taproom starting at 5:30 with a delicious menu.

Nov. 28 at 6 p.m.

Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee

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Dec. 6 at 6 p.m.

Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee

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