

WEEKLY UPDATE: 3/27/2017
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CHANGES AT THE NORTH CAROLINA FISHERIES ASSOCIATION:

The North Carolina Fisheries Association Board of Directors met on Monday, March 27th, at the Civic Center in Washington, NC. Of particular interest:

The Board voted their approval for Doug Todd of Brunswick County to represent District Seven on the Board. He fills the seat left vacant by the death of Steve Parrish. Welcome Doug!

The Board accepted the resignation of Glenn Skinner as a Board member and Vice-Chairman and approved his hiring as Executive Director of NCFA. Congratulations Glenn! The Board will consider the vacancy on the Board left by this action at the May 1st meeting.

The Board accepted the resignation of Jerry Schill as President and approved his role as the Director of Government Affairs. (See Jerry's comments in this update.)

The changes are effective on April 1st, so you can read into that whatever you wish!

T-SHIRTS HAVE BEEN ORDERED:

The first batch has just about been sold out, but the second delivery is coming any day. Call Peggy at 252-633-6232 to check on availability.



CARTERET COUNTY FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION PLANNING FISH FRY:

CCFA is still looking for sponsors and memorials for their fish fry on May 13th! Hours are from 11 till 6 and plates are only \$10! Location is Wheatly Boys Tire & Auto in Otway. They will be raffling a print from Core Sound Museum called "Core Sound by Firelight" by Alan Cheek.

Carteret County
FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION

Annual



FISH FRY

Enjoy Local Seafood
AND
Support Commercial Fishermen

AND
**BAKE
SALE**

MAY 13

11 AM to 6 PM

\$10 PER PLATE

LOCATION: WHEATLY BOYS TIRE & AUTO
760 Hwy 70 E. Otway, NC

for more information call 252.269.5020 or 252.503.8302

COMMENTS BY JERRY:

As noted above, there will be some changes at NCFA in a few days, with Glenn Skinner coming on as Executive Director and me stepping down as President and assuming the role as Director of Government Relations. As a lifelong commercial fisherman and serving on the Board for NCFA, Glenn comes equipped to take over the administrative duties including office supervision as well as the official spokesman for the organization. He will register as a lobbyist and help out in that arena also, so when the time comes for me to head out to pasture, we can have a seamless transition. This will enable me to devote more time to the duties in Raleigh and at the federal level where some very important issues can be dealt with in a timely manner.

Glenn has been working part time for about a month and we are very fortunate to have someone like him that has the knowledge, experience and ability to articulate our message. Please take the time to welcome and congratulate him when you get the chance!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Several bills have been introduced regarding fisheries issues this week:

S-410: Marine Aquaculture Development Act by Senators Cook, Sanderson & Tillman

[S-410](#)

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](#)

Expect other fisheries related bills to be introduced over the next few legislative days.

I will draft a “parting shot” as President of the North Carolina Fisheries Association soon! I’ll still be doing the lobbying in Raleigh and Washington DC. Yes, I am a registered lobbyist, a title that our detractors like to pick on. Problem is, their guys **SHOULD** be registered and aren’t. That’s because we believe in playing by the intent of the General Assembly when they passed lobbying rules. It’s about time some legislators ask these anti-working folks why they aren’t registered, don’t you think?

God bless,

Jerry

CALENDAR

April 5; Seafood Legislative Reception; 5:30 – 7:30pm; Raleigh

April 11 – 13; MAFMC Meeting; Avalon, NJ

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