

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 12/07/2018**  
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## Legislative Update

The General Assembly met again this week to work on a number of issues, mainly to approve details for a voter ID process. There was nothing on their agenda concerning fisheries.

Governor Cooper signed the hurricane relief bill on Monday evening, which included \$10 million for relief for commercial fishermen. That's added to the \$1.6 million approved last month bringing the total to \$11.6 million. It should be noted that nearly all of those dollars will be to help fishermen that have lost income using the trip ticket program. Losses incurred in infrastructure or other types of losses that CAN BE QUANTIFIED will be addressed during the long session that begins in late January. It was noted by leadership for the last round of hurricane relief that "this is a work in progress" and other needs can be assessed during the long session.

There were no legislators opposed to the hurricane relief package for farmers and fishermen that was approved, including the debates in committee and on the Senate and House floor. The votes were unanimous.

## Calendar

**South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting Dec. 3-7 in Kitty Hawk** - Members of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council head to the Outer Banks of North Carolina in December to address federal fishery management measures affecting offshore fisheries including snapper grouper, dolphin, wahoo, habitat protection and ecosystem-based management, and the Council's Citizen Science Program. The council will also host a For-Hire Electronic Reporting Training Session (see below for details). The meetings are open to the public unless otherwise specified, and public comment is now being accepted on agenda items.

### Agendas, Overviews, and Briefing Materials:

The agenda for the week-long meeting, as well as individual committee agendas and helpful overviews, are available from the [Council meeting website](#). Documents, summaries, presentations, and other briefing materials for the meeting are also available.

### Attend the Meeting via Webinar:

The meeting may be accessed via webinar each day as it occurs. Registration for each day is required. *Register now* via the links below and receive email reminders for the upcoming sessions. (Note: The council's Personnel Committee is meeting in Closed Session on Monday and the meeting will not be available via webinar.)

- [Tuesday, December 4](#) 8:30 am - 5 pm
- [Wednesday, December 5](#) 8:30 am - 6 pm
- [Thursday, December 6](#) 8:30 am - 5 pm
- [Friday, December 7](#) 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

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**Mid-Atlantic Council Meeting in Annapolis, MD: December 10-13, 2018** - The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's meeting to be held December 10-13 in Annapolis, MD. The meeting will be held at Westin Annapolis (100 Westgate Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, Telephone 410-972-4300).

**Meeting Materials:** Briefing documents will be posted at <http://www.mafmc.org/briefing/december-2018> as they become available.

**Public Comments:** Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on November 28 to be included in the Council meeting briefing book. Comments received after this deadline but before 5:00 p.m. on December 6 will be posted as "supplemental materials" on the Council meeting web page. After that date, all comments must be submitted using an online comment form available at available at <http://www.mafmc.org/public-comment>.

**Webinar:** For online access to the meeting, enter as a guest at: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/december2018>.

**NCFA Board Meeting- December 12, 11 a.m.**

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**NCFA ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE  
HELD JANUARY 21, 2019**

**10 AM- 3:00 PM**

Capt. George's Seafood Restaurant  
705 S. Croatan Hwy  
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT **ALL** MEMBERS TRY TO ATTEND OR ASSIGN PROXIES TO ATTENDING MEMBERS, AS IT TAKES A MINIMUM OF **50**, EITHER IN ATTENDANCE OR BY PROXY, TO CONDUCT BUSINESS. THIS IS THE ONE AND ONLY MEETING A YEAR WHERE **ALL** MEMBERS INCLUDING HALF PERCENTERS, CAN VOTE ON ISSUES AND GIVE DIRECTION FOR THE ORGANIZATION.

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We will have a "**Member Meet & Greet**" on January 20, 2019 @ Capt. George's Seafood Restaurant from 4PM-7PM.