

WEEKLY UPDATE: 12/22/2017
NORTH CAROLINA FISHERIES ASSOCIATION
"Serving the Commercial Fishing Families of North Carolina since 1952"
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

NCFA's Board of Directors, Staff and Members wish you and your family a very Merry and joyous Christmas season!

MARITIME ANGELS

We would like to thank everyone who helped make the NCFA's 1st Annual *Maritime Angels* a success even though we had very little time to get it orchestrated. Thanks to the generosity and good will of those who gave freely, we were able to provide Christmas gifts for 25 children from the commercial fishing industry and help three families that were fighting some type of illness. We would also like to thank our Board Members for trusting us to take on this project. We plan to continue this effort annually and will be kicking off the 2nd Annual *Maritime Angels* on October 1, 2018.

MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION LOOKING FOR ADVISORS

The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission is looking for commercial and recreational fishermen, scientists and other interested parties to sit on various fisheries advisory committees.

Two regional advisory committees – Northern and Southern – and three standing advisory committees – Finfish, Habitat and Water Quality, and Shellfish/Crustacean – review matters referred to them by the commission, such as draft fishery management plans. Committees may also bring fisheries issues pertaining to their region or subject matter to the commission's attention.

The Marine Fisheries Commission chairman appoints members to these committees for three-year terms, and several terms will expire in January.

To qualify to serve on a committee, applicants must not have had a significant fisheries violation within the past three years.

Individuals interested in serving as an adviser should be willing to attend meetings at least once every two months and actively participate in the committee process, which includes reviewing scientific documents and issue papers to make recommendations on management strategies.

Advisers who complete the necessary paperwork will be reimbursed for travel and other expenses incurred in relation to their official duties.

Adviser applications are available online [here](#) or at Division of Marine Fisheries' offices or by calling 252-808-8022 or 800-682-2632. Applications should be returned by Jan. 2, 2018 by email to Craig.Alley@ncdenr.gov or by mail to: N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, N.C. 28557, Attention: Craig Alley.

DMF SHRIMP BYCATCH WORKSHOP SET

The Division of Marine Fisheries will hold a Shrimp Bycatch Workshop on Monday, January 22nd from 10:00 until 2:00 at the Riverfront Convention Center in New Bern.

NCFA SETS DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting for NCFA will be held on Monday, January 22nd at the Riverfront Convention Center in New Bern. This meeting is to elect one third of the Board and allows members to recommend NCFA's priorities for the coming year. More details to come.

PASSING OF JACK LEA of J.H. LEA & SONS

Late Wednesday evening we sent out a separate notice about the passing of Jack Lea of J.H. Lea & Sons in Hampstead. Jack was a long time member of the North Carolina Fisheries Association and was honored in 2010 as NCFA dedicated the Fish Baron's Ball to him. Since we received the notice of his death so late and friends could not attend his memorial service, we've been asked to provide an address for condolences.

287 Lea's Ln.; Box 38
Hampstead, NC 28843

Or you can leave your condolences of the website of the funeral home:

[Condolences for Jack Lea](#)

CALENDAR

Jan 22, 2018; 10 till 2; DMF Shrimp Bycatch Workshop; Riverfront Convention Center; New Bern
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